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GRAVE ATTEMPT TO CRIPPLE GRID SYSTEM

London, To-day.

The bomb explosions which have aroused excitement in Birmingham and the vicinity, were followed by a further attempted bombing yesterday when an explosion occurred between Birmingham and Walsall.

The intention in this case was evidently to destroy a pylon of the high tension cable but the only damage done was the breaking of one support. A second bomb, which had not exploded, was found in the vicinity.

Police protection has now been extended throughout the Midland region and all power plants, gas works and radio stations are under a constant guard while police patrols have been stationed on highways so that they can move rapidly to any point of disturbance.

In London, all underground stations were patrolled by the police yesterday evening.

In Liverpool, special precaution has been taken to prevent the bombing of docks or the damaging of ships since all boats coming from Ireland dock there.

TENSE ATMOSPHERE IN ULSTER

According to the Belfast press yesterday evening, the whole of North Ireland is quiet but a tense atmosphere prevails. All State buildings are guarded and the police force patrolling the streets has been augmented while reserves have been called to the barracks in case of emergency.

A particularly heavy patrol is being maintained on the frontier between Northern and Southern Ireland.

A strong police guard has been set up in Whitehall and Downing Street in London, Scotland Yard having received several telephone warnings yesterday that further explosions would occur in London.

The conference between the Prime Minister, Mr. Chamberlain and the Home Secretary, Sir Samuel Hoare, yesterday afternoon is believed to have concerned the bombing outrages.

BIG ROUND-UP

London, To-day.

The gravity of the bombing attempts to cripple Britain's vital electricity services becomes more obvious as fresh facts come to life.

There have now been nine explosions in various parts of the country during the past two days and the police of the whole country are co-operating with Scotland Yard in one of the biggest round-ups in many years.

Police activities in London are still concentrated on Irish circles known to be sympathetic to the Irish Republican movement.

CRUDE BOMBS

An official of the Birmingham Electricity Department stated that an attack had obviously been made on the whole grid system and a section of the grid line had been put out of order as a result of the Great Barr explosion.

The bombs are of a crude type. The hypothesis that Irishmen may be concerned with the explosions is supported by a statement in the Dublin "Evening Mail" that a copy of the newspaper of some months ago was used to wrap the bombs which exploded in London.—Reuter.

R.A.F. CHIEF SERIOUSLY INJURED

London, To-day.

Air Vice-Marshal H. M. Cave-Browne-Cave, commanding No. 25 (Armament) Group, R.A.F., was seriously injured when the plane in which he was flying, crashed at Butley, 20 miles north of Ipswich.

The pilot was killed and Air Vice-Marshal Cave-Browne-Cave is now in an Ipswich Hospital with severe head injuries.—Reuter.

CONFERENCES IN DOWNING STREET

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister yesterday continued the series of consultations with Ministerial colleagues which he began on Monday.

In the morning he saw Lord Zetland, Secretary for India, and Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, Secretary for Dominions and Colonies.

In the afternoon, Sir Samuel Hoare, the Home Secretary, called on the Premier, who later saw Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, on his return from Geneva, where he attended the meeting of the League Council.

To-day, Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax will be able to inform the rest of the Cabinet regarding their conversations in Rome last week, as the ordinary weekly meetings of the Cabinet are being resumed. — British Wireless.

BUSH FIRE LOSSES

London, To-day.

The Dominions Secretary has telegraphed to the Governor of New South Wales and the Commonwealth Government his sympathy at the loss of life and suffering and damage to property caused by the heat wave and bush fire.—British Wireless.

ANTI-FRENCH STORM RAGES IN ITALY

ROME, TO-DAY.

THE ANTI-FRENCH STORM IN THE ITALIAN PRESS IS RAGING WITH A GREATER INTENSITY THAN EVER.

The "Corrier della Sera" says "Like wild beasts who, in order to induce courage in themselves, lash their flanks with their tails, the French press for weeks has been increasing its doses of insults and slander with regard to the military valour of the Italians, but this ferocity frightens nobody and the wild beast remains simply a beast."

The "Lavoro Facista" expresses "contempt for the mad bestiality which drives the old Gallic cock towards isolation and a last desperate mortal struggle."

The "Gazetta del Popolo" warns France: "The Fascist fist is mailed and pretty swift to strike." — Reuter.

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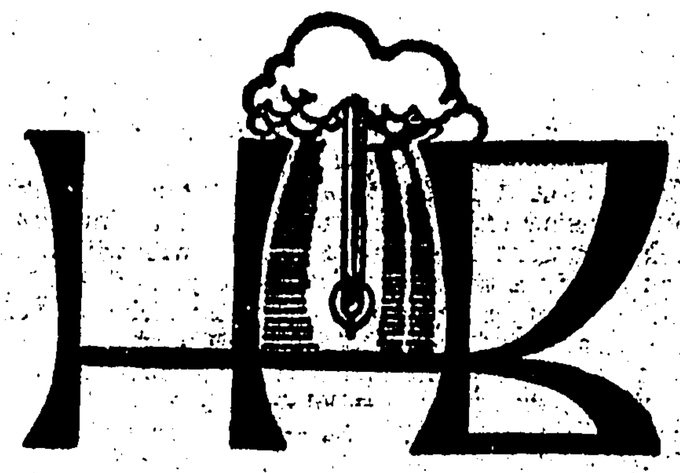

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GERMANY WARNS AGAINST FRENCH INTERVENTION

Would Back Any Action By Mussolini

Rumours In Paris Discounted

Berlin, To-day.

A hint that Germany would back any action by Mussolini if he should consider the Spanish non-intervention understanding broken by a third power, is contained in utterances from competent circles.

It says that French intervention in Spain would be regarded here as a "factor of extraordinary disturbance."

Italy's strong attitude with regard to attempts by certain French circles who are trying to induce France to help Republican Spain, "is fully shared here." —Reuter.

TEMPERLEY'S OPINION

London, To-day.

Rumours that the French Government is contemplating opening of its frontier into Spain for delivery of war material to Barcelona are discounted in political circles.

According to Major-General Temperley, the military correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph," the Spanish civil war will not last now more than a few weeks. General Franco's forces, he maintains, have a numerical superiority of three to two apart from possessing comparably better war material. —Trans-Ocean.

PREPARED TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS?

Tokyo, To-day.

Japanese reply to the British and American Notes on the "open door" policy in China will be made shortly, according to well-informed circles here.

It is pointed out that the Notes suggest revision or modification of the "open door and equal opportunity" principles through consultation of the interested powers.

Although Japan considers such a method as not likely to be successful, she is prepared, according to authoritative circles, and by virtue of her traditional friendship with both Britain and the United States, to enter into such negotiations on certain conditions. — Reuter.

PAKHOI LANDING BELIEVED TO BE IMMINENT

Macao, To-day.

With over 20 Japanese warships and transports concentrating around Weichow Island, most of them arriving yesterday, the long expected invasion in the Pakhoi area is believed to be imminent.

This morning a reliable message stated that the Japanese forces between Pakhoi and Macau are being considerably strengthened as more vessels have been sighted steaming towards the Hainan Straits.

Japanese aircraft this morning were active over the coastal ports of Hainan Island and Pakhoi. — Our Own Correspondent.

JAP. RETREAT

Fancheng, Hupeh, To-day.

In a bloody street fight, the Japanese attacking Sanyangtien, in east Hupeh, were defeated by the Chinese and are now retreating.—Central News.

FAMOUS UMBRELLA "UNWORTHY"

Rome, Jan. 10.

Although British Premier Neville Chamberlain received a special invitation to put on exhibition his umbrella at the exposition opening soon at Gignesa, near Streia, he refused to do so.

The umbrella "invited" to the exhibition was the same that made the trip to Munich when the world hovered on the brink of war last September.

In replying to the invitation sent him, Mr. Chamberlain said that he believed his umbrella "unworthy of the honour" of being placed on exhibition.—Havas.

PLANS FOR MOBILISING CARS IN EMERGENCY

London, To-day.

A scheme for mobilisation of motor vehicles in the country is outlined in a statement issued by the Ministry of Transport.

The country will be divided into traffic areas and owners of motor vehicles grouped under different sections in order to facilitate rationing of fuel when mobilisation occurs in an emergency.—Reuter.

Compromise Plan Hoped For On Customs Loans

London, To-day.

There has been no particular rush to sell Chinese loans on the London Stock Exchange.

The impression is widespread that China will find a formula enabling her to recognise the Anglo-Japanese customs agreement, in view of the supreme importance of not allowing her credit to be damaged at the very moment when British and American policy is so manifestly turning in her favour.

"The Times," emphasising the special status which the Customs Loans have always held in the eyes of Chinese Governments in good and bad times alike, says that no one will withhold sympathy from the present Government in a dilemma which none of its predecessors had to face.

Nevertheless the default must bring consequences far more serious for China than would the apparent surrender involved in accepting a compromise solution on lines, if not necessarily identical with the Anglo-Japanese agreement.

STATESMANLIKE VIEW

Fortunately there is reason to think that General Chiang Kai-shek's Government may yet take a statesmanlike view of their country's true needs.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that the City fully recognises the natural reluctance of the Chinese Government to give way but to do so may be much the lesser of the two evils.

The "Daily Express" suggests that a solution might lie in the Chinese Government suspending amortization while defraying interest.—Reuter.

HANGCHOW THREAT

Shanghai, To-day.

Japanese troops are being rushed from Shanghai to Hangchow where the position of the Japanese is reported critical.—Our Own Correspondent.

EXTRAORDINARY MESSAGE TO ROOSEVELT

An ultra-nationalist organisation in Tokyo has sent an extraordinary message to President Roosevelt, according to a telegram received in Hong Kong this morning.

The organisation appeals to President Roosevelt to bring about United States adherence to the Anti-Comintern Pact (between Germany, Italy, Japan, Hungary and Manchukuo — for the ostensible purpose of fighting the Communist bogy).

The message winds up with an appeal to the President to influence Britain to throw open her Empire to foreign nations.

NAZI PAPER THINKS LITTLE OF BRITISH NOTE

Berlin, To-day.

The Anglo-Saxons have become excited by the creation of a political, economic and cultural bloc consisting of China, Japan and Manchukuo, says the Nazi journal "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung," commenting on what it describes as the sharper tone adopted by Britain and America towards Japan.

The paper adds that it can still be said that neither Britain nor America is ready for military intervention.

They are probably more adept, the Nazi paper thinks, at phrasing Notes, but Japan is more successful in the matter of deeds.—Reuter.

ANOTHER LIE-DOWN SCENE IN OXFORD-ST.

London, To-day.

To the accompaniment of an incessant chorus from taxi and motor hooters, unemployed men staged a further "lie-down" demonstration in London yesterday.

In heavy rain, fifty members of the National Unemployed Workers movement lay down on their backs across Oxford Street, and traffic was held up for fifteen minutes before the men were removed by the police. — Reuter.

The "China Mail" was informed this morning that the 103 escaped Chinese soldiers are still at large.

The police are still endeavouring to trace them.

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Franco Claims Further Vital Successes On Catalan Front

PROF. FELIX FRANKFURTER CONFIRMED

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

THE SENATE YESTERDAY CONFIRMED THE NOMINATION OF PROFESSOR FELIX FRANKFURTER, OF THE HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, AS AN ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT.

One of the most outspoken champions of liberalism, Professor Frankfurter is very sympathetic to the New Deal's objectives.—Reuter.

TIENTSIN-PUKOW RAILWAY NEAR RESTORATION

Shanghai, To-day.

Restoration of the railway connecting Tientsin and Pukow is expected to be completed this month, according to Japanese reports.

Traffic on the line has been interrupted for more than a year, since the bridges were blown up.

Emergency traffic was maintained only between Pukow and Pengpu and between Hsuchow and Tsinan.

By reopening this important line, connection between Peiping and Shanghai would be re-established.—Trans-Ocean.

BAN ON GERMAN FERTILISER

Washington, To-day.

A halt has been ordered in the purchasing of German fertiliser for use on Government farms in Puerto Rico, stated Mr. Miles Fairbank, of the Puerto Rico Reconstruction Administration yesterday.

Mr. Fairbank said this action was taken following protests to Mr. Harold Ickes, Secretary of Interior, by American fertiliser farms.—Reuter.

TENSION IN HAINAN

Hoihow, To-day.

Tension has once again gripped coastal towns on Hainan following the appearance of Japanese aircraft over Hoihow and Yulin on Monday.

No bombs were dropped and the machines appeared to be on a scouting mission.

Five additional warships have appeared in the straits and two are now cruising off Yulin while the others have positioned themselves outside other ports.—Our Own Correspondent.

The 2nd Battalion, the Somerset Light Infantry, arrived at Gibraltar from England yesterday, to relieve the 2nd Battalion, the Norfolk Regiment.

BARCELONA STILL REFUSES TO TAKE A DEFEATIST ATTITUDE

Burgos, To-day.

General Franco's forces advancing from Cervera along the highway to Barcelona have captured four more towns and are now within twelve miles of the big industrial centre of Igualada.

The Nationalists have occupied Pallerrols, Guardiorlada, Lluida and Aguillo.

Igualada is twelve miles distant from the Franco vanguard, and is reported to have been strongly fortified by the Republicans.

The Nationalists are also threatening Iguarda from the southwest, in an advance along the road from Mont Blanch.

These columns are only ten miles from Igualada.

A further 1,100 prisoners are reported to have been captured, together with abundant war material and ammunition.

FRANCO CLAIMS

Since the beginning of the offensive, 38,000 prisoners have been registered as placed in concentration camps.

According to the Nationalist High Command, the advance is being continued at the same pace on all sectors.—Reuter.

STREETS FULL OF POSTERS

There is no defeatist spirit in Barcelona, the Catalan capital menaced by the rapid Nationalist advance, according to messages received in London.

The streets are full of posters bearing such slogans as "Defend Catalonia" and "Save Your Homes," while men are lining up outside the barracks in long queues waiting to join up.

All war wounded between the age of 18 and 41, previously discharged as unfit, have been recalled to the colours, subject to a second medical examination.

NEW DEFENCE LINE

Civilians are crowding into Barcelona from towns and villages in the war zone.

The commander-in-chief stated yesterday that the Republic has constructed strong defences running due North from a point five miles up the coast from Talavera.

BARCELONA VERSION

Barcelona, To-day.

The insurgents continue to exert strong pressure on the Catalan front, says a Republican war bulletin.

Violent fighting occurred in the neighbourhood of Cervera and Santa Coloma. Republican aircraft bombed enemy troop concentrations and transports.

On the Estremadura front, the Republican forces repulsed two fierce counterattacks inflicting heavy losses.

The Republican troops have captured Col Caladar, west of Monterrubio de la Serena.

On the Andalusian front, Republican forces have broken through the enemy lines at two points and captured the hill and the village of Tozar.—Trans-Ocean.

THEORY OF FLYING TO BE TAUGHT IN SCHOOL

St. Louis (Mo.), To-day.

Between 17,000,000 and 20,000,000 schoolchildren will be taught the theory of mechanical flight every year, it was decided yesterday at the National Aeronautical Association's Convention here.

Children will be taught under systems similar to those used in Europe.

The scheme will be dovetailed in the Government's programme for teaching thousands of college students how to fly.—Reuter.

CHINESE TO PUT OVER TWO MILLION MEN INTO NEW COUNTER-OFFENSIVE

London, To-day.

"Even if we don't get help from abroad we are sure we can win in the end," declared Mr. Chang Peng-chun, the well-known Chinese professor and lecturer, who has flown from Chungking to London in nine days, including three days spent in talks with officials at Rangoon.

Mr. Chang Peng-chun told Reuter that the war had now entered the second phase, the first defensive phase of the preparation for a counter-offensive all over the country when the Chinese would put into the field 240 divisions, of 10,000 men each.

There would be no positional battles and no battle front but a new type of warfare of space and movement, with the forces spread all over the country.

Mr. Chang Peng-chun is confident that the Japanese have not enough men for effective resistance.

Moreover, it looked as if help for China from abroad was coming at the time it was predicted, namely, eighteen months from the beginning of the war.

The Chinese planned not only to drive out the Japanese but to build a new state.—Reuter.

ARAB TERMS FOR LONDON CONFERENCE

Beirut, To-day.

The Arab Higher Committee has formulated conditions for participation in the London Conference on Palestine.

It is understood it will insist that basis of the Conference be the Arab demands as defined by the Committee, that the Nashashibi Party, (opponents of the Palestine Arabs led by the Mufti) be excluded, and that the Higher Committee be recognised as sole representative of the Palestine Arabs.—Reuter.

CHUNGKING AIR RAID TOLL

Chungking, To-day.

Injured are still pouring into hospitals here from the areas which were bombed by the Japanese.

Many have died in hospital.

It has just been revealed that one bomb fell on a Chinese boarding house, killing and wounding over 100 people, including guests and employees.—Our Own Correspondent.

PROHIBITION OF SCRAP EXPORT

Washington, To-day.

A motion demanding that in future the export of steel and scrap iron from the United States should be prohibited, unless expressly sanctioned by the President of the U.S. has been introduced into Congress by Senator Schwellenbach, Democrat.

Although Schwellenbach bases his motion on the "need for just allocation of existing stocks of scrap," political circles allow it to be plainly understood that the motion is primarily designed to place impediments in the way of Japanese purchases of scrap in the U.S.—Trans-Ocean.

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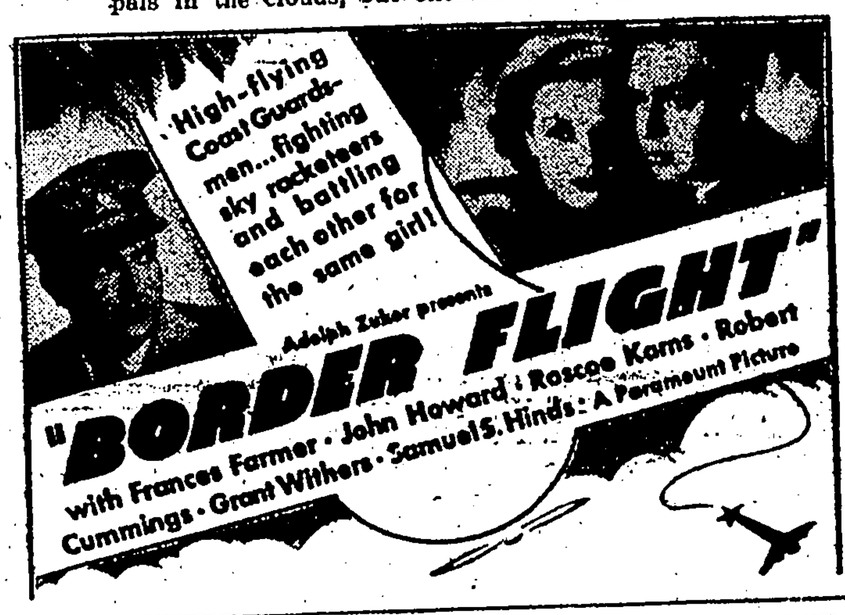

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With these remarks, His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, sentenced Yip Chi and Chan Kwai, to five years' hard labour and 12 lashes and five years' hard labour and 18 strokes of the cane, respectively.

Mr. John Whyatt appeared for the Crown.

He said that on October 24, Yeung Yuk-shing and Yeung Wai-fung, partners, along with three others, in the Tung Nam Provision Store, went to bed on the premises in Connaught Road. The former had on a girdle in which was $3,000 in Hong Kong currency, and to which was attached a further sum of $30, while Yeung Wai-fung had $1970 in Hong Kong currency and $2,445 in Chinese currency locked in a safe in the room in which they both slept.

ARMED MEN

About 3.30 a.m. both were awakened. By the light which streamed into the room from the outside, they saw five men armed with revolvers and daggers. They were warned to keep quiet and the men then proceeded to search the room after the partners had been bound and gagged.

Yeung Yuk-shing was relieved of his girdle with the money and the keys of the safe were then demanded. When this was not forthcoming, both men were covered with blankets. They heard the room being searched and, eventually, the safe opened. The men then went away.

Yeung Yuk-shing managed to free himself. He found the safe open and rifled. The matter was then reported to the Police.

In December, first defendant, Yip Chai, was arrested in Garden Road, while second defendant was arrested in Kowloon City. When charged, Yip Chai said: That day I went to rob.

Chan Kwai said: I did not enter the house, I stood in the doorway. I did not know we went there to rob. I was asked to go there by the other two.

IDENTIFICATION PARADES

Subsequently, identification parades, conducted by A. S. P. Bidmead, were held, at which first defendant was identified by both Yeung Yuk-shi and Yeung Wai-fun. Second defendant was identified by Yeung Wai-fun, who said he was a man who stood in the doorway but later entered the room and threatened him with a dagger. Yeung Yuk-shi failed to identify him.

Evidence was then called in support.

In defence, first defendant said: "As regards the identification, what proof have they that I was the man. I was the wrong man picked out. I know nothing about the robbery.

Second defendant said that he had been falsely accused. He said that he had made the statement at the Police Station because he had been afraid that if he had not done so he would have been assaulted.

The jury found both men guilty, without retiring.

The jury was composed as follows: Messrs. G. S. Lovett (foreman), T. A. Madar, T. Wong, J. G. d'Aquino, A. H. Roberts, Ho Iu-liu and J. H. Simmons.

WOLFRAM THEFT CHARGE

Wong Ping-yuen, 22, and Yiu Chung, 27, both unemployed, were brought before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, when they were charged with robbery.

It was alleged that defendants together with some others, stole sixteen pounds of wolfram ore from Wong Kwai yesterday.

A formal remand of a week was granted. Detective-Segreant Forrest is in charge of the case.

POSSESSION OF HEROIN PILLS

Before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, Sam Yiet-sang, aged 21, unemployed, was charged with being in possession of 7,390 heroin pills at Tung Loi Street yesterday.

Revenue Officer Millington said that the pills were found under defendant's bed.

Defendant was sentenced to one year's hard labour and a fine of $2,500 or a further six months'.

GERMAN ON PASSPORT CHARGE

A German merchant, Heinrich Unkel, residing at Repulse Bay Hotel, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, with entering the Colony without a valid passport.

Detective-Sergeant Loughlin, who prosecuted, said that defendant arrived in the Colony yesterday from Shanghai. He went to report his arrival, and it was found that his passport was without a visa.

Defendant told the Court that he had been in the Colony several years ago, and a visa was not then necessary.

Defendant was cautioned.

A Dance will be held at the Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 9.30 p.m. to 2.30 a.m. The Dance Band of the Royal Scots will supply the music.

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Wang Ching-wei Adherent Still In Grave Condition

A reward of $200 has been offered by the Police for information leading to the arrest and conviction of one of the two men who brutally attacked Mr. P. S. Lin, general manager of the South China Daily News (vernacular daily) with a hammer yesterday afternoon in Des Voeux Road Central.

Immediately after the attack a Chinese, Chan Lam, was arrested and taken into police custody, but this morning he had not been charged.

It is revealed that the arrested man is an unemployed painter. He told the Police that his address was the Painters' Guild, Shantung Street, Kowloon, but subsequent inquiries revealed that he was not known there.

Chan, it is learned, has refused to give the police any information concerning the attack, and it is said that he has denied that more than one man took part.

ATTACK WITNESSED.

Mr. C. de Saille Robertson, who was chiefly instrumental in securing the arrest of the man, had just left Dodwell's showroom in Des Voeux Road when he heard a shout and saw a man (who proved later to be Mr. P. S. Lin, a close associate of Mr. Wang Ching-wei) fall to the ground.

One of his assailants ran towards the Post Office, but while he was approaching, Mr. Robertson says, he saw the second man strike three blows with a hammer at the head of the man lying on the ground.

Mr. Robertson ran forward shouting and the man attempted to escape heading for the lane between Gloucester Building and Lane, Crawford's with Mr. Robertson in pursuit.

R. A. M. C. MAN INTERVENES

Chinese in the vicinity opened out to let the fugitive through, but fortunately Mr. Hirst, of the R.A.M.C., emerged from under the Gloucester verandah and seized hold of him as Mr. Robertson came up.

He was detained until the arrival of Inspector Hopkins.

The injured man is still in a dangerous condition, the hospital authorities stating that he has shown no improvement during the night.

It is disclosed that Mr. P. S. Lin had just left the Police Special Branch office in Chung Tin Building, when the attack was made.

ACADEMIC FREEDOM

London, To-day.

Lord Baldwin emphasised the importance of academic freedom and independence in a speech at Leeds University yesterday on receiving an honorary degree.

Interference by the State with the teaching of the universities must be resisted to the death if they were to fulfil their function within a free society.—British Wireless.

SERVICES CONCERT AT PENINSULA HOTEL

A Grand Services Concert is to be held in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel at 9 p.m. on Friday, January 27, in aid of the dependants of the late Lance-Sergeant Thompson, Royal Artillery.

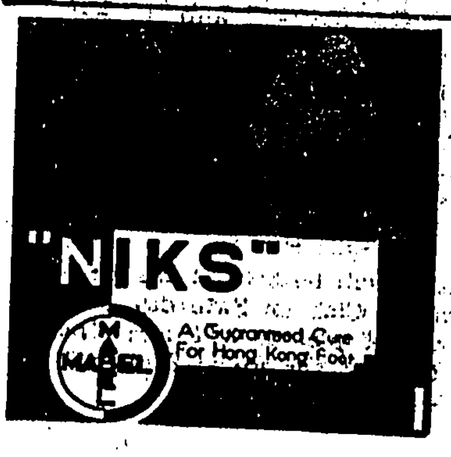
The Band of H.M.S. Eagle will play, and the artists are as follows:

Gaston d'Aquino (Tenor), Helen Lockhart (Soprano), Eva Turner (Soprano), The Harmony Three, Peanut Roach (Balancing Act), P. Guntrip (Baritone), Mainy (Comedian), B. Q. M. S. Dicks (Comedian), Q.M.S. and Mrs. Flinter (Comedians), W.O.I. A. Austin, A.E.C. (Accompanist), Doreen Ma (Pianist), Mrs. Waldon (Soprano), Mr. A. R. Colsuhoun (Piano, Accordian), Pietro Macaroni (One Man Band), Bud Wheeler (Comedian), Dodger Green & Co. (Comedians), C.P.O. Kettle (Caricatures), Wiggins (Male Voice Quartette) and Dave Kossick (Hebrew Comedian).

KWANGSI RAID

Kweilin, To-day.

Nine Japanese planes raided Kweihsien, in south Kwangsi, yesterday. A large number of bombs were dropped.—Central News.



MAINTENANCE OF BRITISH SHIPPING

London, To-day.

The President of the Board of Trade received a deputation of shipowners yesterday with reference to the proposals of the joint shipping policy committee made in public last Wednesday for maintenance of British shipping.

Mr. Oliver Stanley acknowledged the extensive work which had gone to preparation of the joint committee's report, and renewed the assurance he gave in Parliament last July that the Government would give it their full consideration of its problems.—British Wireless.

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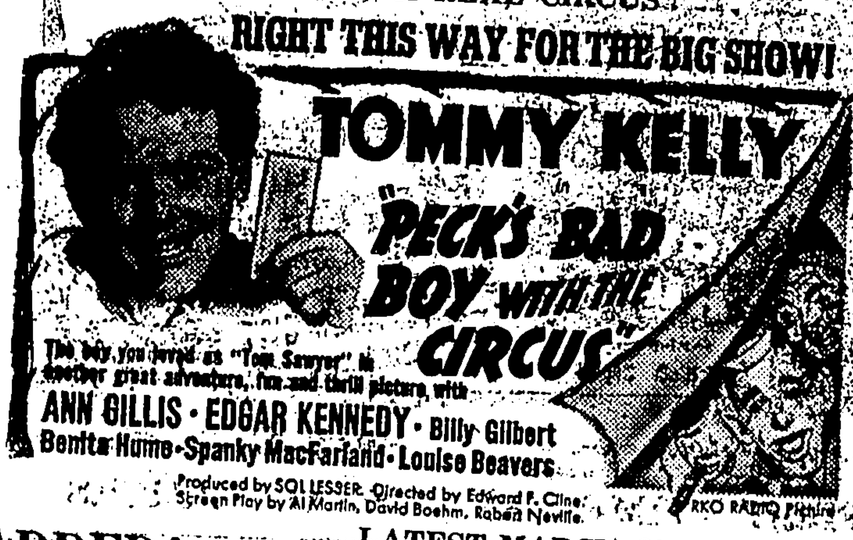

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ITALY TRYING TO BRING YUGO-SLAVIA AND HUNGARY TOGETHER

Rome, To-day.

Conclusion of a pact between Hungary and Yugo-Slavia is the main object of the forthcoming talks between the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, and the Yugo-Slav Premier and Foreign Minister, M. Stoyadinovitch, at Belje, according to the newspaper "Popolo di Roma."

Chief points in the new pact are: Hungary to respect the existing frontier and Yugo-Slavia to guarantee fair treatment of the Hungarian minority.

The talks will also aim at eventually bringing Rumania into the agreement.

There is also talk, the newspaper writes, of creating a Rome-Budapest-Belgrade triangle to have special effect in the economic field.

"Needless to say, such a creation would be perfectly harmonious with the policy of the Rome-Berlin Axis," the newspaper concludes.

FERMENT OF REVISION

Everything in the Danube and Baltic is in a ferment of revision, writes Signor Gayda, Mussolini's mouthpiece, in "Giornale d'Italia."

Signor Gayda reviews the steps taken by Yugo-Slavia to bring her nearer the Rome-Berlin Axis, and declares that Rumania henceforth has an interest of her own in bringing her policy into the same line.—Reuter.

400,000 STEEL AIR RAID SHELTERS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE HOME OFFICE HAS PLACED ORDERS FOR 400,000 NEW STEEL AIR RAID SHELTERS WHICH WILL BE USED FOR THE OCCUPANTS OF SMALL HOMES.

The shelters will be erected in gardens and back yards of houses.

The Home Office has ordered 120,000 tons of steel, and construction will be spread over all factories who are able to handle the work.—Reuter.

JAPANESE MAKE NEW DRIVE IN KULING AREA

Shanghai, To-day.

Japanese forces have resumed operations against the 2,500 Chinese soldiers who are marooned near the famous Kuling resort, in the vicinity of Kiukiang.

Shortage of food, coupled with intense cold, recently compelled the Chinese soldiers to make a desperate attempt to break through the Japanese lines. Some succeeded in making their way through disguised as peasants.

The Japanese offensive, says a Japanese bulletin, succeeded yesterday in capturing Kangkiashan Hill.

The operations are greatly impeded by the mountainous nature of the territory.

Nearly 100 foreigners are still staying in Kuling, which is encircled by the Chinese who themselves are surrounded by Japanese forces.—Trans-Ocean.

ARAB LEADERS IN AGREEMENT

Cairo, To-day.

It is understood that complete understanding was reached at the meeting of Arab leaders presided over by the Prime Minister of Egypt, over the question of the forthcoming Palestine Conference in London.

Another meeting is to be held to-day.—Reuter.

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CHINA'S CLAIMS TO INTERNATIONAL AID

Dr. Koo Urges Committee Of Coordination

Embargo Against Japan On Planes And Petrol Sought

Geneva, To-day.

An appeal for an embargo on aeroplanes and petrol, was made by Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador in Paris and chief delegate to the League of Nations, at the public meeting of the League Council yesterday.

An embargo, he said, would stop the Japanese infernal work of destruction.

While China respected the Open Door, Japan sought to make a special preserve of China.

Dr. Koo described the operations and success of guerilla tactics behind the Japanese lines.

He said the League of Nations was founded for the guiding purpose of achieving international peace and security, and was the established instrument for the organisation of peace.

With all its failures in the past, it was still, in the opinion of the Chinese Government, capable of serving the cause of peace, and the member states, especially the most responsible ones, were willing and ready to extend full support to its efforts.

ANTIDOTES TO WAR

Real antidotes to war were not necessarily to be found in war itself, and President Roosevelt had said that there were measures short of war which were capable of exerting pressure upon an aggressor.

One such measure was a boycott on the goods of an aggressor nation.

In the present case, prohibition of direct or indirect imports of Japanese goods would strike at the basis of Japanese economy in a short time.

Eighty per cent. of the silk production of Japan was marketed in one country, while 45 per cent. of her textile fabrics were normally sold in only three or four countries.

PARTICULARLY ESSENTIAL

Dr. Koo said that such a boycott had been started voluntarily by people in a number of countries, and therefore it would not be difficult for the governments to enforce it.

In the case of aeroplanes and petroleum it was particularly essential that an embargo upon them should be recommended by the Council.

The Chinese Government desired that the Council recommend that member states should extend financial and economic assistance to China, among other purposes for development and reconstruction of China's South-Western provinces and for the relief of civil refugees.

An assurance for facilities for transit and transport of Chinese war material was also necessary for continuance of effective resistance to Japanese aggression.

COMMITTEE OF CO-ORDINATION

In the past eighteen months the Government had encountered difficulties in arranging such transport and transit, and the cause of resistance had suffered not a little from these difficulties.

The Chinese Government asked the Council to take steps to initiate a committee of coordination.

If a general committee was considered not feasible for the present, then the Chinese Government would welcome a limited committee of coordination composed of representatives of the governments particularly interested in the Far East.

GENERAL CAUSE

Dr. Koo added that whatever action was taken to support the cause of Chinese resistance, it could not be considered as for China's exclusive advantage.

It would also benefit the general cause of upholding the principles of international law and order.

More than that, the rights and interests of other countries directly concerned in the Far East would gain security by this legitimate defence.

Dr. Koo pointed out that past experience had clearly shown that it would be impossible to safeguard legitimate Western rights and interests in China unless the Chinese people remained masters of their own destiny.

"The Chinese door cannot be kept open if the Chinese people are not allowed to exercise the fullest control in their own house."

OVERDUE

The time had come, in fact, it was long overdue, for the League to take effective action in order to restrain Japanese aggression.

Those countries with important territorial possessions and commerce and economic interests in the Far East, had an added obligation to defend them.

Eighteen months of deliberate attack by Japan upon their rights and interests in China, along with expansion of the Japanese invasion, had made it perfectly clear as to what was in store for them.

NO TIME TO BE LOST

Dr. Koo concluded: "Unless the interested Powers are prepared—and it does not seem that they are—to abandon their Treaty rights and established interests in China and abdicate their rightful position in East Asia and the Pacific, no time is to be lost by them to take concerted or parallel action to check the spread of Japanese aggression.

"They have everything to gain by adopting determined action to be promptly carried out."

A private meeting is expected before the end of the session in order to discuss the Chinese Government's demands as presented by Dr. Koo.—Reuter.

JEWS OPPOSE ABYSSINIA IMMIGRATION

London, To-day.

The executive committee of the Jewish Congress has decided not to co-operate in the scheme for Jewish immigration to Abyssinia.

They say that Jews do not want to enter any country which does not grant equal rights to Jewish citizens.—Reuter.

TOKYO BREACH OF MANDATE CONDITIONS

Geneva, To-day.

Dr. Wellington Koo, the Chinese delegate to the League, in a declaration in regard to the Mandate Commission's Report on islands under Japanese mandate, said that according to the Japanese mobilisation decree of 1938, general mobilisation had been applied to these islands, which was contrary to the spirit of the mandates.

Therefore he had the right to raise the matter before the League Council when he had obtained further information in this connection.

The Rapporteur, M. Munters (Sweden), replied that when information was laid before the Mandates Commission, they would give an opinion thereon.—Reuter.

VON LUCKNER NOW IN COLOMBO

Count Felix von Luckner, the noted German wartime raider whose exploits read like a fairy-tale, arrived in Colombo yesterday.

Count von Luckner is voyaging round the world in his schooner.

He is to visit Singapore, where he was imprisoned during the War, when he made a sensational escape.

NEW CHINESE SUCCESSES IN SHANSI

Chungking, To-day.

The Chinese have scored new successes in Shansi province according to Chinese reports.

The Japanese troops have been forced to withdraw along the eastern bank of the Yellow River. Moreover the Chinese have succeeded in cutting off the enemy's retreat so that complete dislodgement of the Japanese from the Yellow River may be expected in the near future.

Major engagements took place yesterday near Hotsin, where the Japanese are reported to have been defeated.

Fighting is reported also from the region north of Linfeng.

HSINKAI CLASH

According to reports from South China, the Japanese resumed their activity along Hankow-Canton Railway, attempting to capture the town of Tsinkai, 25 kilometres north of Canton. Chinese resistance, however, was strong and the Japanese who entered the outskirts of town were eventually repulsed. —Trans-Ocean.

SILVER IMPORT EMBARGO SOUGHT IN U.S.

Washington, To-day.

Senator Townsend has introduced a bill in Congress providing for immediate cancellation of all Administration powers to buy silver and to issue silver certificates, with a view to protect the home markets for silver now held.

The bill proposes an embargo on silver imports. Moreover the Treasury would be authorised to dispose of silver holdings after setting aside 5,500,000 ounces to meet future coinage requirements. —Reuter.

British Note Applauded In Chungking

Chungking, To-day.

The British Note to Japan is warmly welcomed in the Chinese press.

The "Ta Kung Pao" says: "Reading the text of the British Note gives all Chinese even greater joy than the British financial credits to China."

The full text is featured in the Chinese press, which unanimously lauds the British attitude, especially the "clear analysis of Prince Konoye's peace terms as an attempt at encroachment upon China's territorial and sovereign rights."

A spokesman for the Foreign Office declared in an interview that "it is highly gratifying that the principal signatory powers of the Nine-Power Treaty — Britain, America and France — are taking identical views on the Far Eastern situation." — Reuter.

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THE DAILY SHORT STORY

Too Much Sympathy

By Richard Hill Wilkinson

Elson looked at it the sensible way. He looked at everything the sensible way. He was hard-headed and sometimes inclined, we thought, to be ruthless, yet far be it from us to criticize. Of we three boys he was the only one who had achieved any success.

"There's no sense in coddling Margery," he told us. "She's a grown woman. There are thousands of women who have lost their husbands. It isn't as if she were old and had nothing to look forward to. The thing to do is let her fight it out for herself."

Elson had come down to George's, as had I. George is apt to be sentimental. He is the youngster of the three of us, a year older than Margery. As children George and Margery had been close.

"We should be able to do something for her," George argued. There was a note of desperation in his tone, pity in his eyes. I knew he had just returned from a visit to Wayside where Margery lived alone in the bungalow her husband, Michael, had built three years ago when they were married. "A girl like Marg can't forget easily. Michael's going has robbed her of everything in life that was worthwhile. You should see her. She cries all the time, or sits by the window and stares vacantly. She can't get her mind on anything at all."

"The thing to do is to send her away," I put in. "A month or two in Florida, far removed from the familiar scenes of her happiness with Michael, would relieve her burden no end."

"She won't go," George said. "I've tried to talk her into going away, but she won't. She wants to stay there, because it is where she and Michael had their happiest moments. She likes to have us come down, but she doesn't want to go away."

Elson sighed and glanced at his watch. I remembered that Randall University was playing a post season game this afternoon, and I remembered that Elson's chief diversion from the rush and hurry of his active life was football.

"Listen," he said. "Let's not be maudlin. Let's look facts in the face. We can't let Margery ruin our lives. We can't keep going down there merely to sympathize with her. We're all young. We have work to do, businesses that need attending to. It isn't fair to expect us to neglect our own interests because Margery lacks the courage to face life when it deals her a telling blow."

He wound his watch, slipped it into his pocket, rose, got into his coat and picked up his hat. He looked at George, but George refused to meet his eyes. George sat staring at the floor, his lower jaw protruding, his face scowling.

"Seems cruel, doesn't it?" Elson said. "Seems hard and unfeeling. Well, that's the way most folks feel toward a man who states truths of which everyone is aware, but refuses to give a name. I'm sorry, but it's my nature to look at things squarely, sensibly. I know human nature and I know Margery. I know if we let her alone she'll snap out of it. The more sympathizing we do the more her misery will be prolonged. There's nothing worse for a suffering person than pity, because most pity is false and doesn't last. The average man—especially an active man—has other interests. All the pity we might express for Margery would be temporary."

He looked at his watch again and said briskly: "Well, think it over. Can I drop you anywhere, Bill?" he asked, looking at me.

I glanced at George. George's face wore the expression of a chastised child, a rather sheepish look—an expression with which Elson and I had been so familiar in our childhood.

"Yes," I said, getting up. "I'm going to work awhile this afternoon. You can drop me at the office."

Elson looked at things the sensible way. I kept reminding myself of this in the days that followed. I tried to put Margery out of my mind. It was best to leave her alone, to let her fight her way out of the bog of misery herself. She would be better off, happier in the end.

Five days passed. A week. On Sunday I called Elson's apartment. He had gone out of town for the week-end. On business. I deliberated awhile and then called George. George was unhappy. He wanted me to come over and talk with him. The thought of such a visit was depressing. I told him I was going to be busy.

At 11 o'clock I threw down the magazine I had tried to concentrate on. I backed out my coupe and headed for Wayside. It had begun to snow by the time I reached there. The marks of automobile wheels, recently made, were in the drive at Margery's place.

Margery was curiously more cheerful than I had expected. Elson, I thought, had been right. She was fighting her own way out.

"Whose car was here this morning?" I asked.

She looked startled. She started to say something, but changed her mind. I glanced at her sharply, and suddenly I knew.

"It was Elson!" I cried.

She nodded. "Oh, Bill, don't tell him you know. He'd die if you did. He—he couldn't bear to let anyone know, especially you and George, that he's been coming down almost every day. He—he says it isn't sensible. You won't tell, will you?"

My mouth became hard. I thought of George, poor George, almost as unhappy as Margery had been, staying away because Elson had ridiculed him.

"Yes, I said. "I'm going to tell everyone."

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The prizes in the Amateur Movie Makers Contest will be awarded and the prize-winning films shown on January 20, 1939, at 5 p.m. in the office of the Filmo Depot, Marina House, Queen's Road, Central.

"The Times" Questions Value Of Koo's Appeal To League

Tends Chiefly To Accentuate Political Weakness Of Geneva Organisation

SEVEN POINTS OF DR. KOO'S DEMANDS

London, To-day.

Dr. Wellington Koo's repeated appeals to the League are doubtful, comments "The Times" this morning.

The journal adds that they tend chiefly to accentuate the political weakness of the League.

"The Times" comes to this conclusion, with a passing reference to Dr. Koo's appeal to the League yesterday, in the course of an editorial devoted to the Geneva scene as Lord Halifax, the British Foreign Secretary, found it on his way home from Rome.

The majority of the League's members, "The Times" proceeds, have made it officially clear that they recognise now their obligations under Article XVI only in a modified sense.

They do not say that the article has lapsed altogether, but their position is that action under it is to be taken, if taken at all, voluntarily and on the merits of each case.

Dr. Koo enumerated financial and economic measures which he believed would in this case be effective. — Reuter.

China's demands of the League, as presented by Dr. Koo, are as follows:

(1) Financial and economic restrictions against Japan,
(2) Boycott of all Japanese goods by the members of the League of Nations,
(3) Embargo on raw material which would be utilized in Japan for the manufacture of war materials,
(4) Special embargo on aeroplanes and petroleum,
(5) Effective economic support of the Chinese nation by the members of the League of Nations,
(6) Simplification of transit and transport of war materials intended for China,
(7) Formation of a special committee in the League Council on which all nations with interests in the Far East would be represented and whose task would be to consider ways and means for member States to resist Japan and to prevent Japan from continuing war. — Trans-Ocean.

DANUBE SHIPPING CONFERENCE

Belgrade, To-day.

A conference of States interested in Danube shipping began yesterday in Veldes, Germany being represented by 17 delegates, Hungary, Yugo-Slavia, Czecho-Slovakia by seven each, Rumania and England by three each and France by one.

The existing shipping conventions are to be overhauled.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE OBSESSED BY EXPANSION IDEA

Discussing the peace programme recently announced by Prince Konoye of Japan, Dr. Koo, in his address to the League Council, declared that acceptance of this programme would open up all Asia to Japanese militarism.

The 20th century in Europe, he stated, has no conception of the depth to which Japan is obsessed with the idea of expansion which has been cultivated for centuries.

In proposing the Japanese-Chinese-Manchukoan bloc, Prince Konoye saw the entire Far East under Japanese control and membership of China in such a group would mean surrendering control of foreign policy to Japan.

In declining to sign the Anti-Comintern Pact, China did not signify that she was inclined towards Communism or that the Central Government was communistic in its outlook, explained the speaker, who declared that China made a definite distinction between internal and foreign policy.

In a sharp attack on the Japanese culture which, he declared, would be imposed on China through a Japanese victory, the speaker declared that in this field China was superior and that Japanese culture was inacceptable. — Trans-Ocean.

MUNITIONS REACH RANGOON

Rangoon, To-day.

The British steamer "Worcestershire" with a cargo of American planes and machineguns arrived here yesterday.

This material is stated to be destined for China under the terms of the 25 million dollar loan recently granted.

Further war material, it is added, will follow shortly and a number of American instructors will be sent to train Chinese pilots. Supplies will be forwarded by the new road from Burma which is open to traffic.—Trans-Ocean.

AUXILIARY AIR FORCE RESERVE

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry announces that in order to provide an opportunity for ex-airmen of the Auxiliary Air Force to return for service with auxiliary flying squadrons in an emergency, it has been decided to form an Auxiliary Air Force Reserve.

Candidates for enlistment, who must be under fifty-three, will serve for a period of two years and may be permitted to rejoin for further periods of not more than two years.—British Wireless.

NEXT MEXICAN PRESIDENT

Mexico City, To-day.

President Lazaro Cardenas received General Manuel Camacho, Minister for War, and General Francisco Mujica yesterday afternoon, discussing with them for two hours the question of naming candidates to succeed him in the post of President when his term of office comes to an end in November, 1940.

The discussion is believed to have set up only one candidate for this post and it is presumed in political circles here that the choice would fall on General Camacho.—Trans-Ocean.

"CRITICAL POINT"

London, To-day.

Indication that important Arab decisions are likely this week, is contained in a telegram from the Dominions and Colonial Secretary, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, to his constituency at Ross and Cromarty.

Mr. Macdonald in the telegram cancelled his attendance at a public meeting of farmers to-morrow (Thursday).

He said: "A critical point has now been reached in the preparations for the discussions on Palestine with the Arabs and Jews, which necessitates my being in London on Friday".—Reuter.

MANCHUKUO AND THE AXIS

Hsinking, To-day.

The formal adherence of Manchukuo to the Anti-Comintern Pact will, according to statements here, take place in the middle of February when the pact will be signed in Hsinking, the capital of Manchukuo.—Trans-Ocean.

CONSERVATIVE RETIRES FROM ELECTION

London, To-day.

In response to what he describes as a national appeal from the Prime Minister not to split the National Government vote, Mr. J. F. Wright, Independent Conservative and farmers' candidate, has withdrawn from the by-election in East Norfolk, so that only two candidates, Mr. F. Medlicott (Liberal National) and Mr. N. R. Tillet (Labour) — will go to the poll on Thursday week.

The Government majority at the last election was 12,647.

In his letter to Mr. Wright, the Premier assured him of the Government's policy to do everything possible to restore prosperity to agriculture.

"The Ministry of Agriculture are now engaged in an exhaustive review of the whole problem with the National Farmers Union and others. Whatever legislation is found necessary will be proceeded with as quickly as possible" — British Wireless.

OLYMPIC VILLAGE AT HELSINSKI

Helsinki, To-day.

The foundation stone of the Olympic village which will be the home of athletes from all parts of the world at the 1940 Olympic Games was laid yesterday, the Mayor of Helsinki, Professor Dr. Tulenheimo and the chairman of the organising committee of the 12th Olympic Games making speeches.

The Olympic village will accommodate about 3,000 athletes and is situated in the immediate vicinity of the town.—Trans-Ocean.

ANOTHER VICTIM OF CAR CRASH

Yui Sam-mui, one of the two women who were injured in the motor car accident at North Point on Sunday, when Private Jackson of the Royal Scots was killed, died at the Queen Mary Hospital at 9.50 p.m. last night.

GALE STILL RAGING OFF ENGLISH COAST

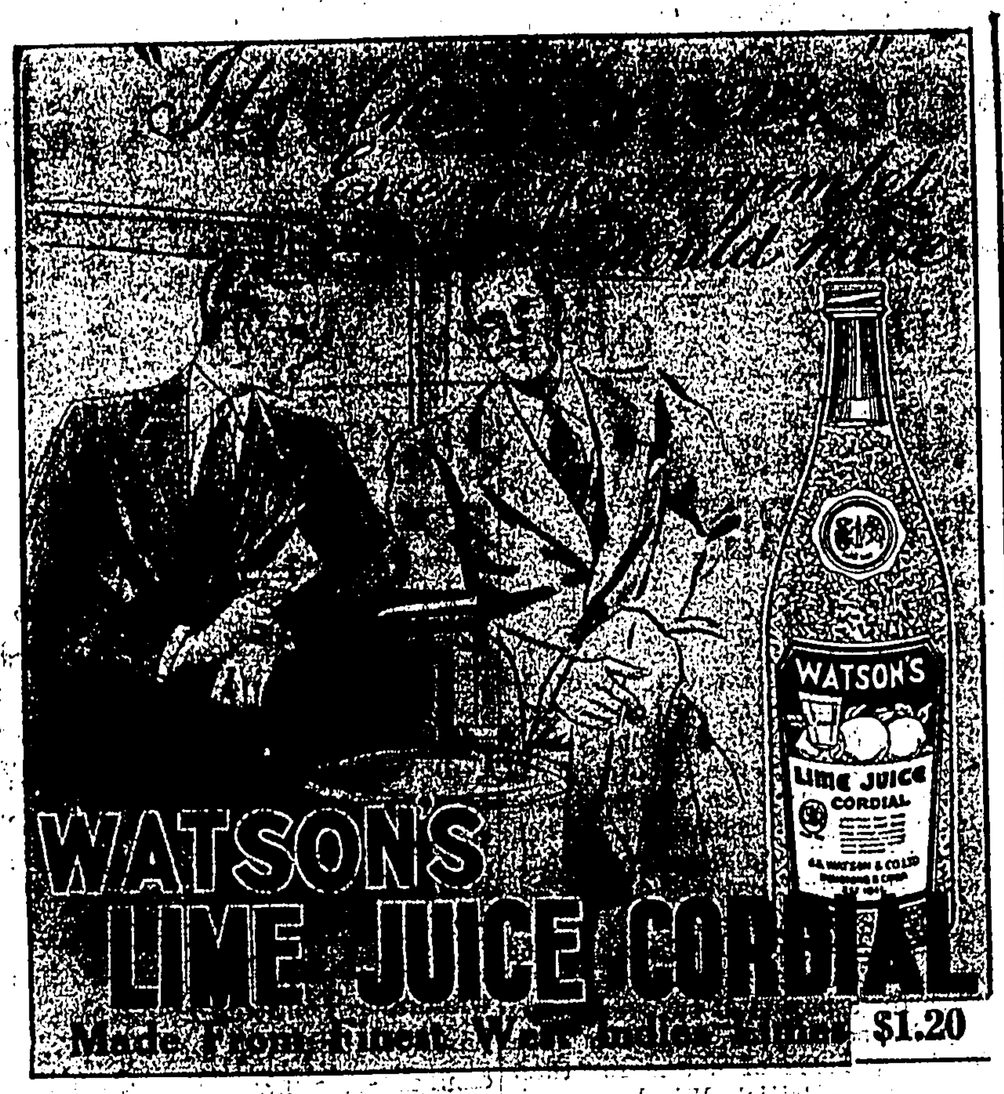
LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE GALE WHICH SWEPT ENGLAND AT THE WEEK-END CONTINUED YESTERDAY, AND MORE STORMY WEATHER IS PREDICTED.

The shelters will be erected in the English Channel, and many ships were unable to leave port.

At Deal, a trawler was overturned by a heavy gust, and it is feared that the crew of nine or ten have been drowned.

Roads and fields are under water, and Yorkshire and the Midlands are suffering badly from flooding. — Reuter.



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FRANCE AND BRITAIN

No two nations in Europe, perhaps, are more dissimilar than the Germans and the Italians; yet the shifts of power diplomacy brought them together under the tie of the "Rome-Berlin axis."

Is the bond which draws France and Great Britain together no more essential, no less artificial? Or is their friendliness rooted in the nature of things? In other words: Are France and Britain temporarily brought together by common dangers, or is their friendship real enough to endure and be counted upon?

Mr. Chamberlain himself gave one answer to that question in his speech before the Foreign Press Association in London, when he said:

> Our relations with France are so close as to pass beyond mere legal obligations since they are founded on an identity of interest.

The very next day, in answer to a question put to him by a Laborite member in the House of Commons, the Prime Minister also made it clear that he considers the Anglo-Italian pact's references to the Mediterranean status quo as guaranteeing France's position in Tunisia, against which Italian claims have arisen in the last few days.

Circumstances which made France and Britain enemies in the past compel them to stand together to-day. The proximity which made them fight in the Middle Ages and in the eighteenth century, has also produced intercourse and cultural exchanges. In the gradual advance of western civilisation France and Britain have progressed side by side; new ideas in politics, literature, art, philosophy, have affected both simultaneously even if they have not always produced the same results. They have grown up in the same intellectual world, they have both harboured the doctrines of "liberty, equality, fraternity," and have reached the same, or nearly the same, stage of maturity.

To-day Britain is so far convinced that the safety of France is indispensable to its own safety that Mr. Stanley Baldwin (now Earl Baldwin) was unchallenged when he asserted that the frontiers of Britain lay on the Rhine. This was not an assertion of hostility to Germany but of solidarity with France.

France and Britain are bound together because they are the protagonists in Europe of western civilisation. Civilisation had reached a certain stage in respect of humanity and common equity from which some Powers are tending to recede. France and Britain are together because in the nature of things they stand for the maintenance of standards which, with some of the smaller nations in Europe and with the United States in America, they have built up. The entente, therefore, is based upon that inner necessity which Mr. Chamberlain stressed—upon geography, history, and national character.

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Mickey Topolino

Many Italian children will no doubt have heard with relief the recent announcement that Mickey Mouse, or Topolino, as he is known to them, is after all to be allowed entrance into Italy. He was originally banned under an order of the Ministry of Popular Culture, which declared that in future the Italian juvenile weeklies should be used, as one report puts it, "to exalt the military and heroic virtues of the Italian race."

This, one feels, is a very courteous gesture from Signor Mussolini to Signor Topolino; for although few would deny that the latter is of such stuff as heroes are made, a hero made of both stuff and nonsense is not of course what the Ministry had in mind. Furthermore, he is a foreigner, and marches under no ideological banner; he is the captain of a free company, and not even Sir John Hawkwood himself, commander of The White Company, and most famous of the foreign free captains that Italy has seen, deserves more credit for keeping the field there in difficult circumstances.

Mickey has been given his visa because of his artistic merit. Perhaps it is not too much to hope that this is a precedent that will have its influence in the future, and result in art being no more restricted by totalitarian frontiers than it is now by

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An Ancient Fallacy

The public will be well advised to take with a grain of salt the news that a dish of green peas has been grown from seed 4,000 years old. This ancient seed-germination tale is constantly turning up. Usually it is Egyptian wheat from a Pharaoh's tomb which is claimed to have germinated in modern soil, and both Sir Wallis Budge and Sir Rowland Biffen have dealt exhaustively and trenchantly with this demand on our credulity. The former has said that people discovering that wheat found in tombs will grow believe it to be thousands of years old in spite of the fact that the wheat grown is not ancient Egyptian wheat at all. In his opinion and experience no ancient wheat has ever germinated. The explanation of the matter is that the halls of ancient tombs, as well as stone sarcophagi and wooden coffins, have, from ancient times downwards, been used to store grain, and grain has also been used as packing for mummies. This quite modern seed has filtered through into ancient coffins and, of course, germinates easily.

Genuinely ancient grains of wheat were found during the excavation of Mohenjo Daro, but when crumbled between the fingers it turned to lifeless black dust—inert charcoal and nothing else.

BOMB OUTRAGES IN ENGLAND CONTINUE

London Police Force Mobilised In Emergency

DEFINITE LINK WITH IRISH AGITATORS

London, To-day.

The entire London Police force has been mobilised since yesterday morning in order to carry out effective protection of the allegedly threatened electricity, gas and water works.

Strong police guards have been installed in the power stations at Chelsea, Battersea and Fulham as well as at other power stations of minor importance.

The Thames since dawn yesterday has been regularly patrolled by police boats while police cars slowly patrol all London city districts where there is possible danger.

Evidence is piling up that the perpetrators of the outrages, of which there were six altogether, were sympathisers with the Irish Republican Army.

Fragments of Irish newspapers were found at the scene of the explosion in Southwark, while copies of the recent I. R. A. proclamation were lying about near the pylons, power stations and so forth where the other explosions occured.

Two of the explosions occurred in London, three in Manchester, one in a Northumberland town and one is suspected in Birmingham.

All the outrages occurred between the hours of 5 and 6 a.m., and, the police believe, were caused by time bombs.

Strong police guards are now stationed at all power stations and gasworks.

Police investigations of the recent bomb outrages so far have been without result.

The three explosions in the centre of Birmingham on Monday afternoon are still a mystery.

Police patrols in Manchester, Birmingham and Edinburgh have been tripled.

Especially strongly watched are the Edinburgh suburbs, Portobello and Granton, where are the power stations supplying half Scotland with electricity, one of them but recently completely costing two million pounds.

POSTERS UP IN LIVERPOOL

London, To-day.

Posters of the Irish Republican Army, demanding the establishment of an undivided Republic of Ireland were pasted on walls in Liverpool by unknown persons in the early hours of yesterday afternoon.

Police promptly removed the posters and searches were made in districts of the city which are inhabited, to a large extent, by Irish.

HOME OFFICE ANXIETY

The Home Office has instructed Scotland Yard to keep it constantly informed on the progress of the police investigations.

It is revealed that the proclamation of the Irish Republican Army was also posted up on the walls of churches in several parts of London. In this proclamation, the demand is made that England withdraws military forces, civil servants and institutions from all parts of Ireland.

NO ARRESTS

Members of the special branch of Scotland Yard are engaged in tracking down prominent Irish revolutionaries. So far, however, no arrests have been reported. Detailed reports on the activities in England of members of the Irish Republican Army will be presented to the Cabinet.

The "Daily Mail" describes the outrages as foolish disturbances of the peace undertaken for political reasons.—Trans-Ocean.

WHITEHALL PRECAUTIONS

London, To-day.

A fifteen-year-old schoolboy has found near Liverpool a damaged attache case containing a small alarm clock, believed to be the remains of a bomb attachment.

The attache case was lying near the pylon carrying the main transmission electricity cable from Liverpool to Manchester and Preston, which was badly damaged in one of the mysterious explosions.

Special precautions were taken in Whitehall yesterday. Police were on duty on both sides of Downing Street, and pedestrians from Whitehall were closely scrutinised. — Reuter.

ONLY ONE DEATH

London, To-day.

Searches undertaken by public authorities throughout Britain have revealed that the series of mysterious explosions which occurred in London, Manchester and Alnwick (Northumberland) on Monday, savour definitely of sabotage.

Only one death resulted, namely at Manchester, where three explosions occurred. Elsewhere there was only material damage.

Swift moves by Scotland Yard support the official theory that the outrages were caused by sympathisers with the illegal Irish Republican Army.

The police believe that the explosions were planned in Ireland that that the bombs were manufactured there and smuggled into England.

BIRMINGHAM ESCAPES

It is noteworthy that all the sabotage attempts have hitherto been directed against electricity supplies.

Yesterday an unexploded bomb was found at the Hamshall power station in Birmingham. This was placed beneath the main power supply, and if it had exploded it would have plunged Birmingham into darkness.

The electricity department states that the presence of the bomb was not suspected until reports of sabotage in other parts of the country were received, and then a detailed examination was made. The bomb awaits inspection by Home Office and Scotland Yard experts.

A further incident occurred yesterday when an attempt was made to blow up a pylon at Great Barr, near Birmingham. The explosion blew part of the pylon away but did not interfere with the supply.

RADIO STATIONS WATCHED

In addition to precautions at power stations, gasworks and public buildings throughout the country, guards have been sent to the Midland Regional broadcasting station and the Midland Regional transmitter at Droitwich, in Worcestershire.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S ALLEGED WILLINGNESS FOR "DEAL"

Washington, To-day.

Officials of the State Department decline to discuss Japan's reported willingness to make a deal with Great Britain and the United States on the "open door" principles in China.

They explain that the Japanese suggestions had been advanced by a news agency and not made officially.

It is added that if official proposals are forthcoming the State Department will consider them carefully. — Reuter.

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ARTILLERY BARRAGE HEARD IN BARCELONA

Refugees Being Sent North

Barcelona, To-day.

The constant muttering of artillery is audible on the outskirts of the city which remains calm, though presenting a scene of intense activity with the constant flow of lorries and ambulances.

Refugees are streaming unceasingly into the city and are being sent to towns and villages to the North which are not threatened by the tide of war.

It is announced that supplies of foodstuffs, beans, lentils, oil, sugar and condensed or powdered milk for children are adequate.

It is reported that the Republicans have counter-attacked and recaptured the Santa Coloma-Dequerault road junction, fourteen miles south-east of Cervera.

Commenting on General Franco's peace message which was broadcast yesterday evening, the San Sebastian "Diario Vasco" stresses that it promises new life under a regime of peace and justice in nationally-minded Spain to all whose hands are not stained with blood.

HOPING, SUFFERING, YEARNING

The message, says the paper, is addressed especially to those who "on the other side are hoping, suffering and yearning."

It was, according to the paper, characteristic of General Franco to have sent this peace message in an hour of victorious advance and have thus stretched out his hand, as victor, to all who adhere to the cause of a new Spain and are prepared to peacefully cooperate in Nationalist Spain.—Reuter and Trans-Ocean.

ROAD TRANSPORT ORGANISATION IN EMERGENCY

London, To-day.

Plans for organisation of road transport in a national emergency, which have been worked out by the Ministry of Transport, were made public yesterday when a commmunication was addressed by the Minister to owners of commercial vehicles.

The plans do not apply to vehicles engaged on passenger services. The proposed organisation, which is intended for wartime but requires to be brought into existence in a shadow form in peacetime, starts from the assumption that in a national emergency, rationing of petrol and fuel oil would be inevitable.

Dr. Leslie Burgin emphasises that the demands of the defence services for petrol and oil would be prodigious under war conditions.

The road transport industry operates 500,000 vehicles under 200,000 separate owners.

The scheme now announced provides for preliminary peacetime organisation of the industry into road transport groups comprising from 25 to 100 vehicles each and registered with the Ministry of Transport.

At the same time, steps are being taken to ensure a sufficient supply of trained drivers.

The Minister, in his statement, referred to the co-operation he had received in the September crisis from operators of commercial road vehicles whose spirit of willingness and constructive help in the emergency had made a deep impression on him.—British Wireless.

JUNK MASTER WITH ARMS

Lai Yat, 35, was this morning charged at the Kowloon Magistracy with unlawful possession of firearms and gun-powder.

It was stated that the defendant was the master of Trading Junk No. T2355H, which was anchored in the Sham Shui Po Bay. On a search by police, defendant was found to have in his possession two revolvers, one obsolete type of musket, and 4 pounds of gunpowder. He could not produce a license for the possession of the articles. The case was remanded for 24 hours.

FINE WEATHER

The Royal Observatory, reports that the anticyclone has moved into the Pacific to the east of Japan, and another of considerable intensity has developed over Mongolia.

A V-depression is crossing the Loochoos on a north easterly track.

Local forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate to fresh; fine generally.

SNATCHED HANDBAG

Chan Cho-siu, aged 24, unemployed, was charged at the Central Magistracy before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, with snatching a handbag from a Chinese lady at Queen's Road Central yesterday.

Sub-Inspector M. J. Flattery said that at about 4 p.m. yesterday afternoon, complainant was shopping in a shop at Queen's Road Central near Wellington Street. Defendant came from behind and snatched her handbag and contents valued at $16. Defendant was apprehended after a long chase.

Sentence of four months' hard labour was passed, and the man was recommended for banishment.

CASE REMANDED

Lau Kan Chung, 17 years of age, was this morning charged before Mr. E. Himsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy with snatching.

It was stated that on January 17, defendant snatched a pair of gold errings from a Chinese woman named Poon Loi, at Soy Street, Mong Kok Tsui. He was chased and arrested.

He had a police record and had had served at least seven other sentences for similar offences.

The case was remanded for 48 hours, so that the Police could make further inquires into the matter.

POSSESSION OF FIREARMS

Ngai Yu-choi, alias Nagi Kwai-chi, aged 35, shop foki, and Nagi Tai-sang, aged 19, unemployed, were charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, with unlawful possession of an automatic pistol and four rounds of ammunition at premises in Queen's Road West.

Mr. H. S. Lo pleaded not guilty on behalf of both defendants, Defendants were allowed bail of $1,000 each.

The case was adjourned to January 24 at 2.30 p. m.

MANCHUKUO THREE-YEAR-PLAN

Tokyo, To-day.

The Three-Years-Plan for enlargement of the industrial production of Japan, Manchukuo and China was approved at a Cabinet meeting yesterday, according to a semi-official news agency. The plan is to be executed between April 1, 1939 and March 31, 1942. —Trans-Ocean.

SYRIA AND FRANCE

Beirut, To-day.

Syria wants an alliance with France but only on the basis of complete independence, state the Syrian Home Minister, Dschabri, when deputising yesterday afternoon for the Prime Minister, Mardam Bey, before the Syrian Parliament which had had to be entirely isolated from the demonstrating crowd by a cordon of heavily armed policemen.

On the other hand, Schabri rejected any suggestion of a return to the system of Mandate.

"The unrest which has occurred in various parts of Syria was wholly and solely due to intrigues," continued the Home Minister.

"Both the Christians of Djesireh and the Alauites are Arabs and have fought for the freedom of Syria. We want not only independence but complete unity of the country." — Trans-Ocean.

GUERILLAS INFLICT MANY CASUALTIES

Changsha, To-day.

Guerillas in Kiangsi, Hupeh and Hunan inflicted 1,800 casualties upon the Japanese during the first half month of January, according to an official communique.

Seven machine-guns, 300 rifles, 10 cases of ammunition, were captured while four tanks, 17 motor vehicles, three trains and four field guns were wrecked during the period.

The guerillas are widening their areas of activities behind the Japanese lines.

They are especially active along the highway between Juichang in north-west Kiangsi and Tungcheng in south-east Hupeh, the Canton-Hankow Railway between Wuchang and Yoyang and along the rivers and by the lakes in north Kiangsi, south Hupeh and north Hunan. — Central News.

THEFTS FROM FOREIGNERS

Mr. Kerr, of the Seamen's Institute has reported the loss of a camera valued at $85.

Mr. Millard, of Waverley Terrace, has reported the loss of five wrist watches, two overcoats and money to the value of $300 from his residence last night.

Sgt. Daniels, of Nanking Barracks, has reported that someone stole 65 plugs and chains valued at $60 from the ablution rooms yesterday.

EVADED BUS FARE

Leung Man Chung, 23, was this morning found guilty of trying to evade payment of his bus fare, by Mr. E. Himsworth in the Kowloon Magistracy. It was stated that on January 17 defendant was riding on bus No. 862 on Nathan Rd. When defendant was asked by the Inspector if he had a ticket, he answered that he had one. Immediately after answering, he attempted to leave the bus and was followed by the Inspector who searched him. It was discovered that defendant had neither bus ticket nor money in his possession.

He was found guilty and ordered to pay a fine of $10.

A.R.P. IN LONDON

London, To-day.

Organization of A.R.P. in the London area was further discussed yesterday by the Lord Privy Seal, Sir John Anderson, and representatives of the L.C.C. and London Boroughs.

The Minister undertook to consider matters further in the light of the discussions.—British Wireless.

News Snack Bar

Peanut rolling, the craze of the back-street children of the United States has come to London. The peanut has to be pushed by the nose along a marked track on the pavement and the first across the finishing line is the winner. Noses are protected with adhesive plaster as the going is somewhat rough. These pictures show some young peanut-pusher enthusiasts in a London street. Photo shows a race in progress with the young entrants nearing the finishing line. It can be seen that each competitor has his own track to keep to during the race.

THEY ARE TWO GOLD FISH ALL RIGHT

Two Japanese lion fish in the aquarium of a London store are worth £60 each. Ordinarily lion fish are worth from 10s. to £8, but the specimens for sale are no ordinary fish. They won prizes at shows in Tokyo, Kobe, Yokohama and Osaka, and are the envy of collectors.

The fish are red-gold with football-shaped bodies and huge heads. They are the result of 4,000 years of selected breeding.

The lion fish came from Japan by ship in special tanks of aerated water.

At the same store aquarium are two similar fish with smaller heads. They are worth £50.

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3,000 A DAY WANT TO JOIN

More than 3,000 applications a day for membership of the Government's new Voluntary Contributors' Pensions Scheme are pouring into the Ministry of Health offices at Acton, W.

The scheme offers old age, widows' and orphans' pensions to people of limited income on attractive terms.

In all, nearly 350,000 applications have now been received, of which about two-thirds are from men.

A close up showing a peanut-rolling expert pushing the peanut along the track.

TOMMY SMOKES 18 CIGARETTES A DAY

British soldiers serving in Palestine smoke on an average eighteen cigarettes a day each.

This deduction may be made from the current Customs Tariff and Exemptions Ordinance, under which each member of his Majesty's Forces now gets 1lb. 2¾oz. a month of tobacco imported or withdrawn from bonded warehouses free of duty. The quantity previous to this ordinance was 1lb.

Expressed in terms of cigarettes, says Reuter, this means that the daily ration to the troops has been increased from fifteen to eighteen.

PRESENTED FROM COURT

From London police court:

Man at Wood Green: My wife is a mystery. Many times I have caught her in a public-house, but no neighbour has ever actually seen her leave or enter.

Solicitor, at Hampstead: When did you first know your husband had left you?—When I got the Greetings telegram.

Defendant, at Willesden: The light went red, I stopped, and the constable and I stood looking into each other's eyes.

Witness, at Shoreditch: He owned a shop, but I understand all the work he ever did in its was to "pop in" once a week and take £ from the till.

WEST-END STAR AT 12

At the age of twelve, Peggy Cummins has achieved an ambition that hundreds of actors and actresses pursue for a lifetime. Peggy's to take a leading role at a West End theatre—and after only two years on the stage. She's come from the Gate Theatre, Dublin, to London to star at the St. James's Theatre in a play which sounds ideal for a little actress of twelve . . . "Let's Pretend."

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BRITISH OIL RIGHTS GIVEN UP

Results of exploratory shallow drilling carried out by d'Arcy Exploration Co., Ltd. (a subsidiary of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Co., Ltd.), near Broseley, Shropshire, have been unfavourable. The company has consequently relinquished the prospecting rights granted to it for the area. Exploration work is going on in the remaining areas which the company holds under licence.

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£10,000 GIFT FOR HOSPITAL

At a ball in Windsor in aid of the King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor, it was announced that Mr. W. H. Collins, the chairman, had promised a donation of at least £10,000 in the New Year.

Mr. Collins is chairman of Cerebos Salt, Ltd., and Fortnum and Mason and lives near Slough.

POLICEMAN KNITS BED JACKET

A policeman is one of thousands of people who knitted bedjackets to be distributed as Christmas gifts to children in London hospitals. The scheme was started in a small way ten years ago by Mrs. Ernest Ward, of Elsworthy-road, Regent's Park, N.W. Now she is aided by a band of helpers and friends who supply funds for the materials. Nearly four thousand bedjackets were provided this year.

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A CONVENT IS FOR SALE

A convent at Hatfield (Herts) is for sale. Twenty-three nuns, of the Carmelite Order, were hurried out of it during the crisis because the building is near the De Haviland aircraft factory. It has now been decided that the premises are unsuitable as a convent.

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THEN RELIEF DRIVER CRASHED

After an accident at Tewkesbury (Glos) yesterday, a lorry and trailer waited twelve hours for a relief driver to fetch it from Poole, Dorset. The driver had gone only a mile when the lorry came into collision with a car. Three people were injured in the two accidents.

BARLEY MUDDLE

Parliament is to be asked to double the barley subsidy.

Present estimated figure is 10s. an acre, and the Government propose to increase this to £1 an acre, as far as this season's crop is concerned. This is an emergency measure of assistance to farmers who are dependent on barley.

The decision was taken after a conference of brewers, maltsters and other users of barley, including merchants.

A close up of a real winner showing his plastered nose and his lucky peanut.

"CONCHY" DOLE PENALTY?

Legislation to prevent conscientious objectors who refuse work connected with national defence from drawing unemployment benefit is suggested by Major-General Sir Alfred Knox (Con., Wycombe and Sir Frank Sanderson (Con., Ealing).

AT 98 SHE THREW PARTY

Mrs. Jane Futcher, of Houghton, Hants, celebrated her ninety-eighth birthday with a party. She invited her younger sister, Mrs. Sarah Horder, eighty-three, of Salisbury, her "baby" sister, Mrs. Kate Hobbs, eighty-one, of Portsmouth and her brother, Mr. John Hill, seventy-one, of Staines. Said the hostess: "You are all as old as you feel. I'm feeling fine."

Mrs. Futcher's tip for keeping the doctor away is a walk a day, whatever the weather.

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DUKE ACTOR AT 88

The Duke of Connaught, who is eighty-eight, is to take part in a film with boys of the Royal Albert Orphanage, Camberley (Surrey). The film, which will show the work of the orphanage, is being made by members of the Windlesham Camera Club, of which the Duke is patron. The Duke has been president of the orphanage for more than thirty years.

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BLIND—EARNED TWO DEGREES

Although blind from birth, Cyril Toms, now twenty-three, of Princess-street, Newport, Mon., has earned two music degrees, and has also taught himself to repair and tune pianos.

HE HAS WON A PIECE OF STRING

Noel A. Brampton, last term's head boy at Stamford School (Lincs), has won a piece of string, a knife and a golden sovereign.

This prize, awarded each year by Commander Coventry Crichton Maitland, of Witham Hall (a governor of the school), goes to the boy who shows the most common sense in all things. Award is made by the vote of the staff of the school.

Brampton, who left the school a few weeks ago, is now studying engineering at Loughborough College. He is a son of Mr. N. Brampton, a bank manager, of Dursley, Gloucestershire.

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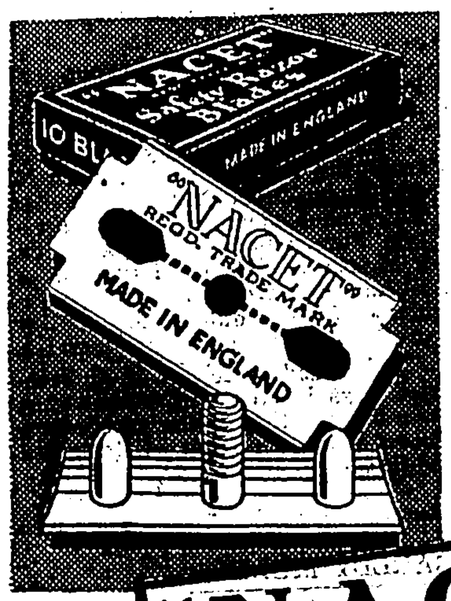

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SHE BURIED CAT INTO BLACK

Tonbridge (Kent).

When Mrs. Annie Piddlesden talks about her "kiddies" she means her eighteen Persian cats. They are her life, her companions. She put them in mourning when a cat died last year and was given a funeral. Each still wears a piece of black ribbon round its neck.

"The ribbon is for poor old Nibby Boy, who died aged seven," Mrs. Piddlesden said to a reporter.

"We all loved Nibby so. We gave him a proper funeral. He had a hand-made coffin—chromium fittings and lined with pink silk.

"The kiddies gave a wreath of lilies to him.

"My husband and I haven't yet got over our great loss.

Then she smiled as she called: "Kiddies . . . come along." Most of her "family" ran to be beside her.

"HITLER" GOT A NEW NAME

"Oh, look," she cried. "You must meet Hitler . . . . Shellie, I mean. You see, we changed his name during the crisis.

"Here is Binkie, she is twelve and a great-great-grandmother."

Binkie slunk past. She did not much care for company.

"Disraeli," Mrs. Piddlesden called to a saucy looking cat. "Say how do-you-do to the lady."

Disraeli meowed.

An especially fluffy pair of cats Bruno and Popski, were playing together. "They are young lovers. said their mistress. "They alway go together and are never apart."

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'NINE LIVES' IRONY

In two years Mrs. Betty Matthews, aged twenty-eight, of Westmacott-street, Camberwell, S.E., has had nine cats and each has met with a violent death.

Mrs. Matthews made sure that each one was well looked after. But in turn they were all poisoned or run over before they became a year old.

She called all her cats "Sally," but she refuses to think that the name is unlucky.

"The last cat I had was run over. The one before that was found dead under a mangle a few doors away, with five kittens beside it," she said.

"I tried to keep one by feeding it with cow's milk from a fountain-pen filler—but it seemed to grow smaller and smaller and died four days after its mother."

She thinks the "nine lives" tradition is a hollow mockery.

SWEETHEARTS' WAITING ROOM

A room where sweethearts can wait while nurses are getting ready for their evening out is one of the facilities offered at his hospital by Dr. Michael Ayres, medical officer of health for Bognor Regis.

To overcome the difficulty of getting maids and nurses, he is interviewing all girls in Council schools in West Sussex who wish to take up nursing as a career.

He is offering them jobs as maids at the local isolation hospital on the understanding that if they prove suitable they will later be given jobs as probationer nurses before being sent to a London hospital.

As a further attraction, a special house has been built in the grounds for nurses and maids with separate bedrooms for each and fitted with hanging cupboards and hot and cold water. There are separate sitting-rooms for matrons, sisters, nurses and maids. Each room has its own wireless set.

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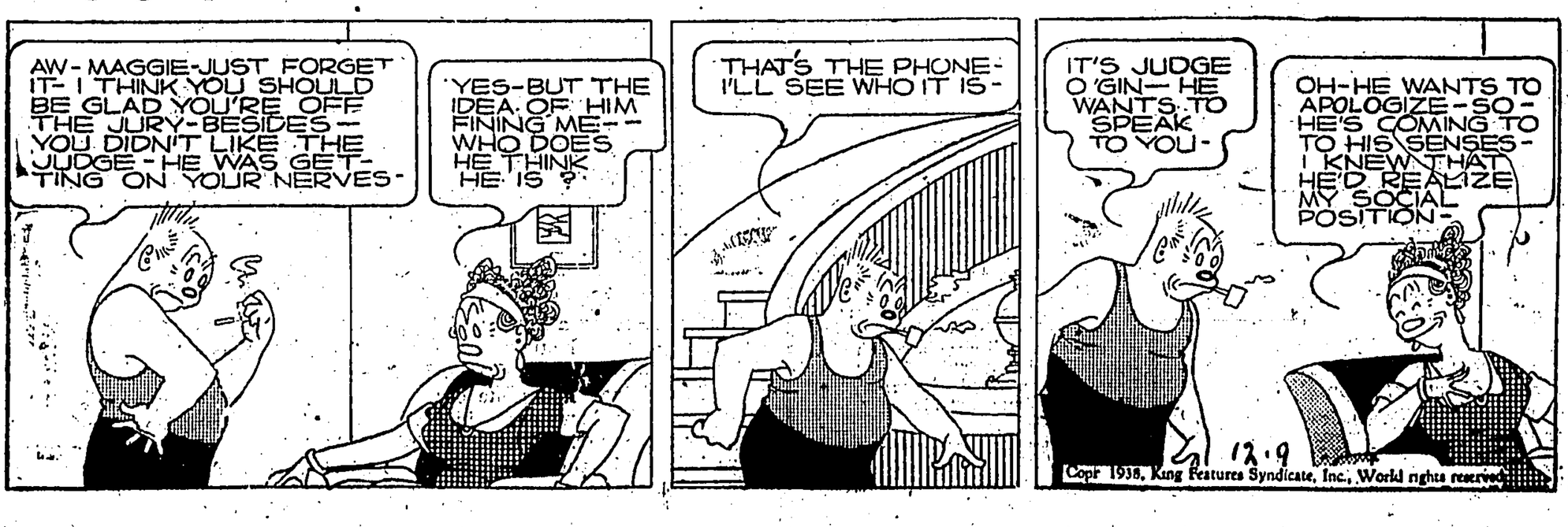

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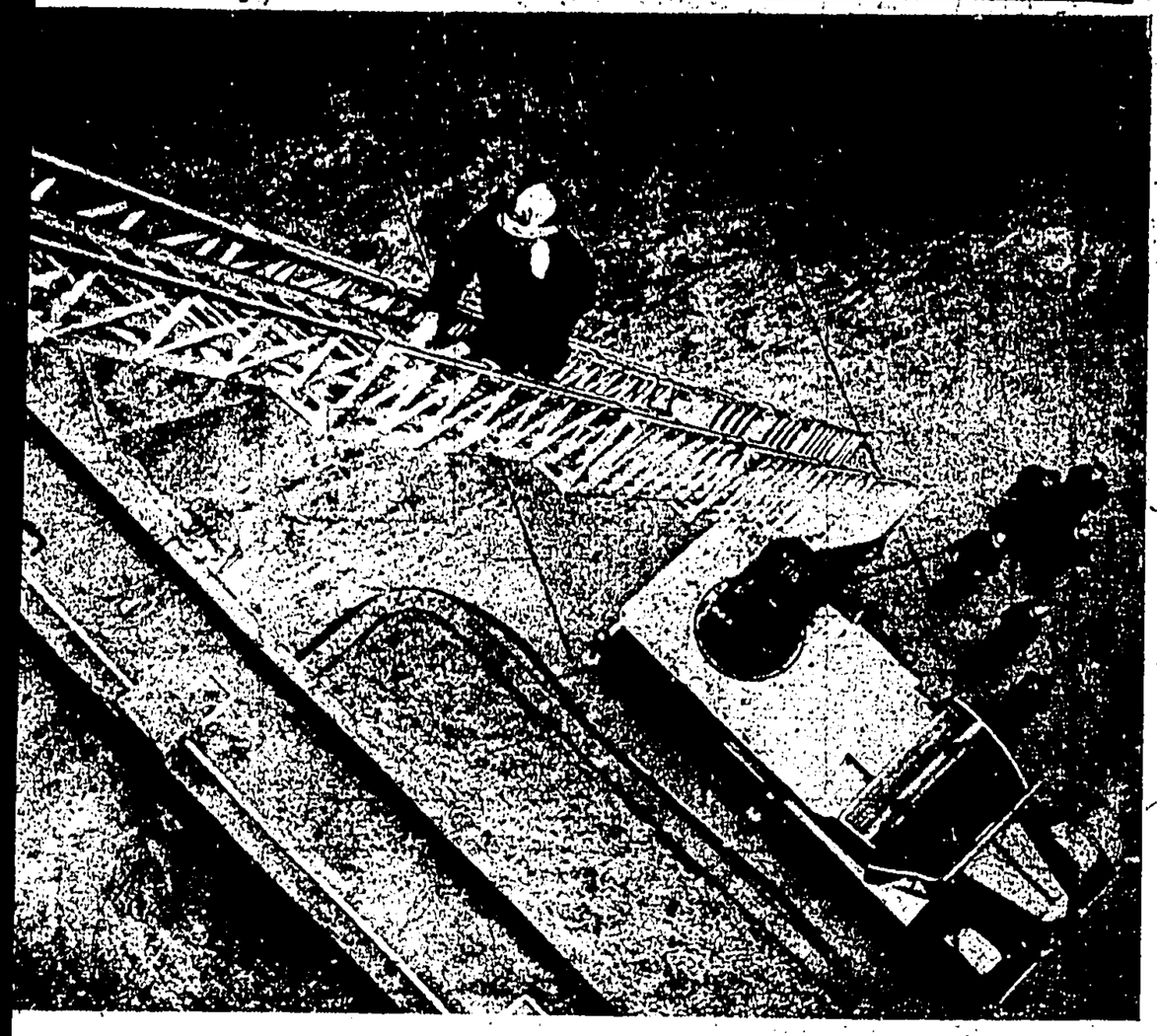

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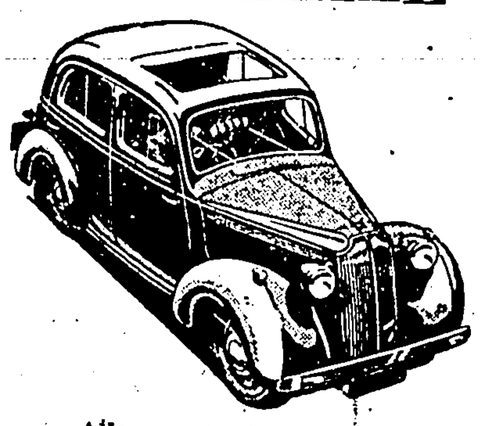

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What The Stars Foretell

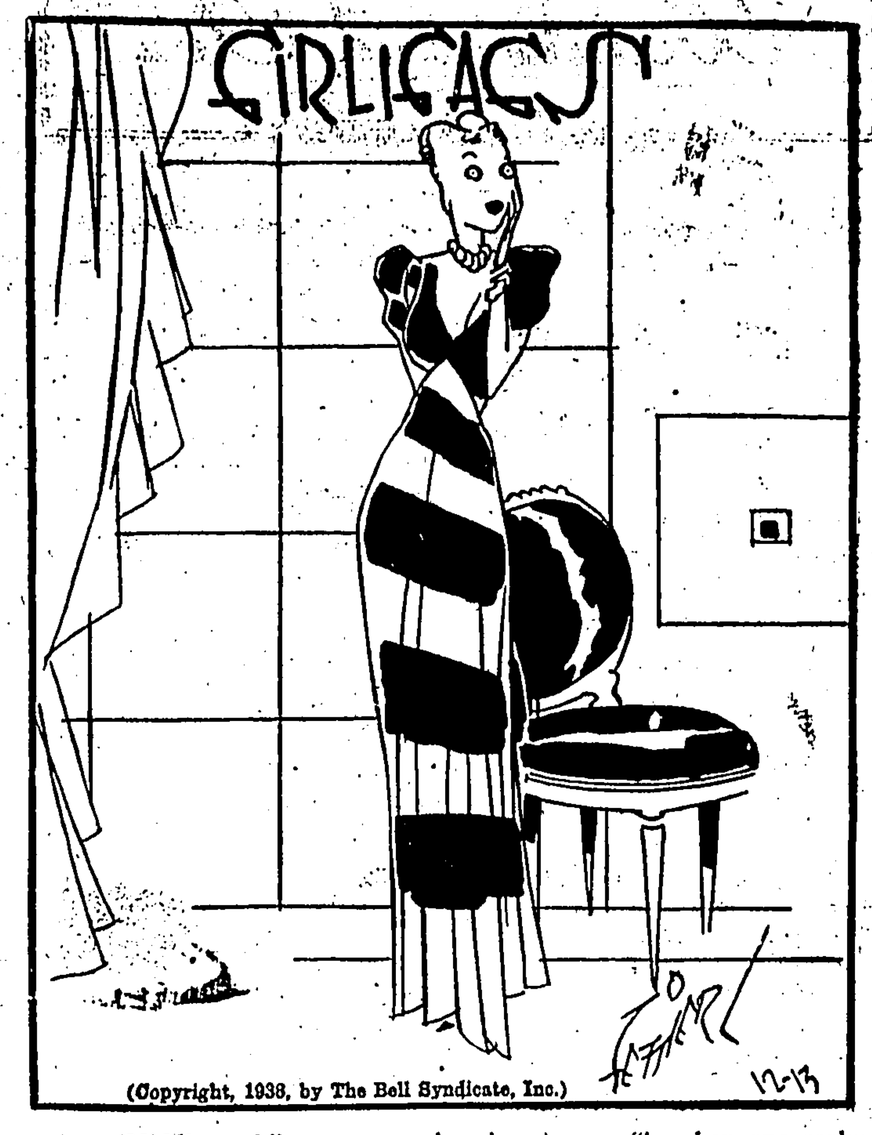
By MARY BLAKE

Your intuition may save you from making many mistakes this day, so do not ignore its urgings. Make good use of your memory and do not clutter it up with worthless thoughts. Keep clear of any kind of intrigue, for all forms of conspiracies and liaisons are liable to be dangerous. It is advisable to say whatever you have to say, in plain terms, so as to avoid being misunderstood. There probably will be only one person you can absolutely depend upon to do things efficiently and satisfactorily this day and that is yourself. This is a day when promises are apt to be forgotten or ruthlessly cast aside. Married and engaged couples, as well as those who are in love, should be slow in saying "yes" this day.

If a woman and January 18 is your birthday, you ought to be a very agreeable and tranquil person, with the ability to ingratiate yourself in the high favour of worthwhile friends. Your greatest fault might be an inclination to do things in a hurry. In money matters you might possibly exercise more prudence. It is important that you create the impression of being witty and gay, if you expect to be successful socially. Avoid any appearance of too much fastidiousness for this might interfere with your popularity. As a secretary, librarian, artist, teacher, radio entertainer, actress, interior decorator, journalist or buyer, your opportunities for success ought to be unlimited. Through the medium of matrimony happiness seems to be destined to dominate your domestic life.

Witty Kitty

The mentally sketchy friend thinks treating a boy like a door mat means the kind with "Welcome" written on it.



"Middleaged," says apprehensive Agnes, "is when one seeks to streamline the waistline."

Necklines are distinctive (if there are any necklines at all,) on our evening gowns. Close at the neck and wide at the bottom is the newest way to cut one's gown. The Sketch has very elaborately decorated sleeves to emphasize the neckline.

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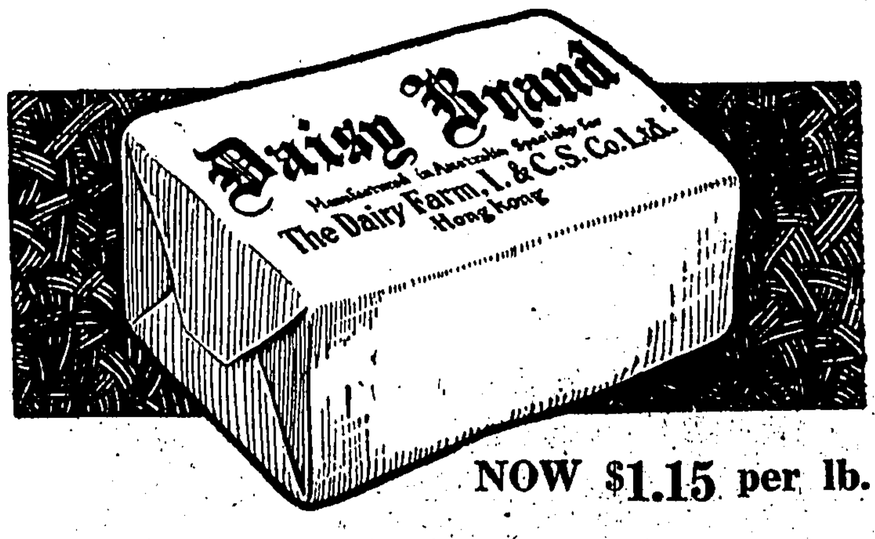

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Beauty and You

by PATRICIA LINDSAY

Worry Undermines Woman's Health

Somehow as winter sets in, women worry more than usual! They worry about different things that is true, but they do worry. One may have a perfectly legitimate worry as to where she can get the winter's fuel or a supply of groceries, while another gets in a nervous dither about the debut of her young daughter.

One's circumstances in life makes little difference. If you want to worry you can always find something to worry about. No living soul is free of all problems. But how ridiculous to allow these usually magnified problems to cut into your good health and rob you of your beauty!

DEVELOP A PHILOSOPHY

All well and good, you murmur, but you don't know what I have to face. Perhaps I don't; but perhaps I have faced problems infinitely together to solve than the one which is troubling you to-day. You have to bear in mind that living is a tough existence, a battle of the fit. And what happens when you allow your mind to grow numb and your body stiff through fear? Just where are you heading then? What help can you be to yourself and to those dependent upon you?

Women write frantic letters to me. My hair is falling out by the handfuls! I cannot eat a thing, my stomach refuses food! My nails break off terribly and I find myself biting them. Dear Miss Lindsay, what can I do for constant headaches? Every bone in my body aches and I just want to lies around the house.

Yes, old and young, the symptoms are the same. They have made themselves ill with worry and lack the common sense to turn about face and get a grip upon themselves.

Even though your immediate life has a few hurdles over which you must jump, do not get discouraged. You may have to tuck your pride into your pocket for the time being and seek help, but what of it? You may even have to humble yourself and do something you have vehemently said you would never do, but what of that? There isn't a man or woman alive who hasn't bitten the dust once during a life—and the better persons they are for having had a mouthful of it!

Be sensible. Save your strength to tackle your problem. Don't just sit and fear it. Keep your chin up, your health intact and your eyes hopeful. After all it is only the essentials in life that are worth anything at all and one of the primary essentials is good health. If you hold on to it (which protects your good looks) you can frighten the wolf away from the door or get that deb daughter married to the right man. But without good health . . . . . then you really have some thing to worry about! And those around you have too!

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AND

Choice of:	
5 fresh apricots	100
or	
3 halves of canned apricots	100

AND

Choice of:	
Clear coffee or tea with little lemon	—
Total calories for breakfast	250
Tall girl allowed	350

Note: If you feel hungry the middle of the morning drink one ordinary glass of tomato juice.

LUNCHEON

1 large cup of beef broth	50
Large vegetable salad	200
2 slices melba toast	50
Total	300

DINNER

1 medium baked potato with butter (eat jacket)	150
1 cup cooked beets	100
1 cup boiled onions	100
1 large glass tomato juice with meal	50
1 fruit compote (6 pieces)	150
Total	550
Total calories for the day	1100
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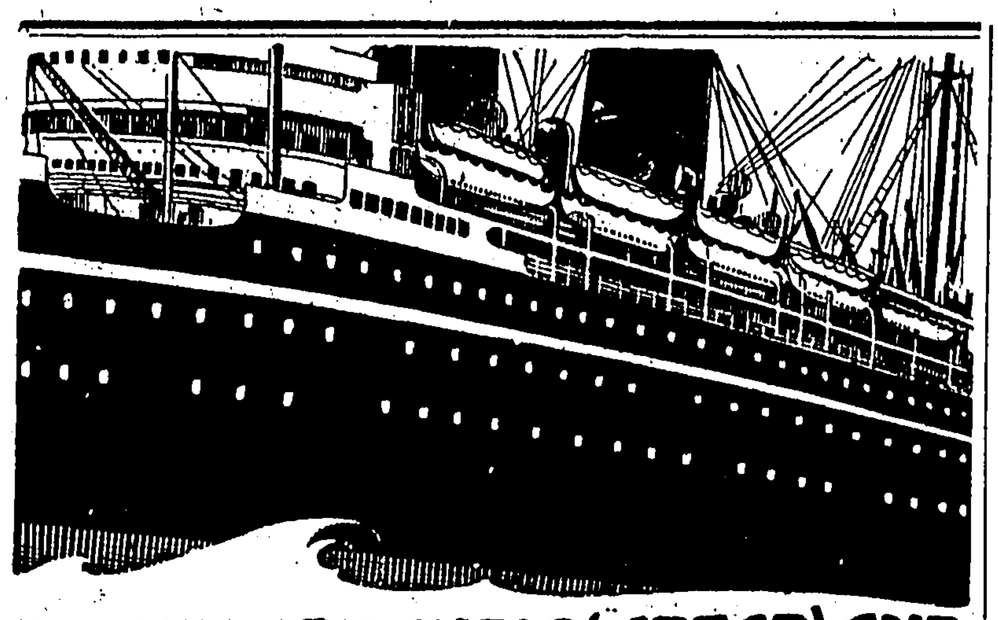

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§RANPURA	17,000	4th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
§RAWALPINDI	17,000	18th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
CANTON	16,000	1st Apr.	Marseilles & London.
CORFU	14,500	15th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
§CHITRAL.....	15,500	29th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
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Calcutta and Straits	Hosang	January 18.
Shanghai	Regensburg	January 18.
Manila	Emp. of Asia	January 18.
Calcutta and Straits	Tilawa	January 18.
Haiphong	Canton	January 18.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 7th and 11th January	Imperial Airways Plane...	January 18.
Straits and Hoihow	Muinam	January 19.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Papers etc.)—London date, 22nd December and London Parcels—London date, 15th December 1938.	Ranchi	January 19.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan — (San Francisco date, 24th December) ...	Pres. Harrison	January 19.
Straits	Tegelberg	January 19.
Straits	Soudan	January 19.
Australia and Manila	Kamo Maru	January 19.
Japan and Shanghai	Carthage	January 19.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Fort Bayard.	Suiyang	January 19.
Haiphong	Forapric	January 19.
U.S.A., Honolulu Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 30th December 1938).	Pres. Pierce	January 21.
Shanghai	Victoria	January 21.
Saigon	Laos	January 21.
Shanghai	Antilochus	January 21.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service" — San Francisco date, 11th January.	Pan American Airways plane	Jan. 21.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 14th Jan.	Imperial Airways Plane...	January 21.
Swatow	Yochow	January 21.

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Swatow	Anhui	Jan. 18, 1.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Taipoosek	Jan. 18, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Deucalion	Jan. 18, 1.30 p.m.
	THURSDAY	
Swatow	Kiungchow ..	Thur., Jan. 19, 9.30 a.m.
Saigon and Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Regensburg	Jan. 19, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Sagres	Jan. 19, 3 p.m.
Tientsin	Hangsang	Thur., Jan. 19, 3.30 p.m.
Japan	Kamo Maru	Jan. 19, 3.30 p.m.
Japan (Parcels only)	Hosang	Thur., Jan. 19, 10.30 a.m.
Airmail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 26th Jan.	Imperial Airways Plane	Thur., Jan. 19.
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	Reg., ...	Thur., Jan. 19, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord., ...	Thur., Jan. 19, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg., ...	Thur., Jan. 19, 5.00 p.m.
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Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by Imperial Airways Direct Service—due Sydney, 28th Jan.	Imperial Airways Plane	Thur., Jan. 19.
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	Ord., ...	Thur., Jan. 19, 5.30 p.m.
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	Reg., ...	Thur., Jan. 19, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord., ...	Thur., Jan. 19, 7.00 p.m.
	FRIDAY	
Tientsin	Tingsang	Jan. 20, 8.30 a.m.
Manila	Pres. Harrison	Jan. 20, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe (except Great Britain and Eire) via Sigeria.	Ranchi	Jan. 20, 10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard, and Hoihow	Kingyuan	Jan. 20, Noon.
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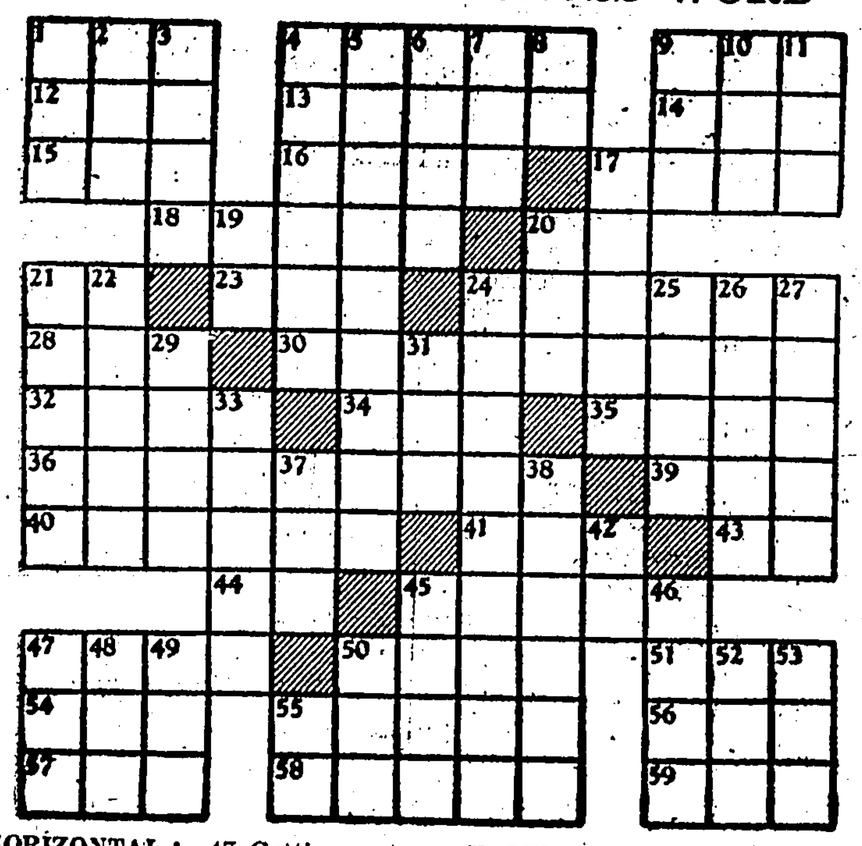

HORIZONTAL
1 Passing fancy
4 To investigate
9 Tatter
12 To mature
13 Fortification
14 Wine cup
15 Weight
16 Sour
17 Among
18 Surgical thread
20 Type measure
21 Parent
23 Bulgarian coin
24 Elevates
28 Moslem name
30 Protective
32 Skating place
34 Ethiopian title
35 To pack
36 Happenings
39 To piece
40 Having chair
41 Harvest goddess
43 Man's nickname
44 Teutonic deity
45 Sacred cup
47 Cutting tools
50 Norse explorer
51 Ancient
54 Careless
55 To think
56 By way of
57 Goddess of mischief
58 Peals
59 Poetic: nightfall

VERTICAL
1 Obese
2 In the past
3 Lairs
4 Talked idly
5 Got well
6 Norse god
7 Evil
8 Type measure
9 Sheep
10 French: friend
11 To run about
17 Wrong
19 Spanish article
20 To bring forth
21 European capital
22 To put in row
24 Bringing back
25 Location
26 To call forth
27 Stitched
29 Peruvian ruler
31 To winnow
33 Hawk-like birds
37 German article
38 Areas
42 Italian if
45 Broad smile
46 Affection
47 Wing
48 Indian memorial post
49 English river
50 Slender final
52 Falsehood
53 Tribe of Israel
55 Conjunction

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MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, DARESSALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, ALGOA BAY, CAPE TOWN & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via Singapore & Colombo	Santos Maru	Sun.	5th Mar.
BOMBAY & KARACHI via Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Hawaii Maru	Thur.,	2nd Mar.
CALCUTTA via Singapore Belawan Deli & Rangoon	Africa Maru	Fri.,	3rd Feb.
JAPAN PORTS	Nissan Maru	Sat.,	18th Feb.
JAPAN via Takao and Keelung			
KEELUNG via Takao & Amoy	Canton Maru	Tues.,	14th Feb.
	Canton Maru	Mon.,	30th Jan.

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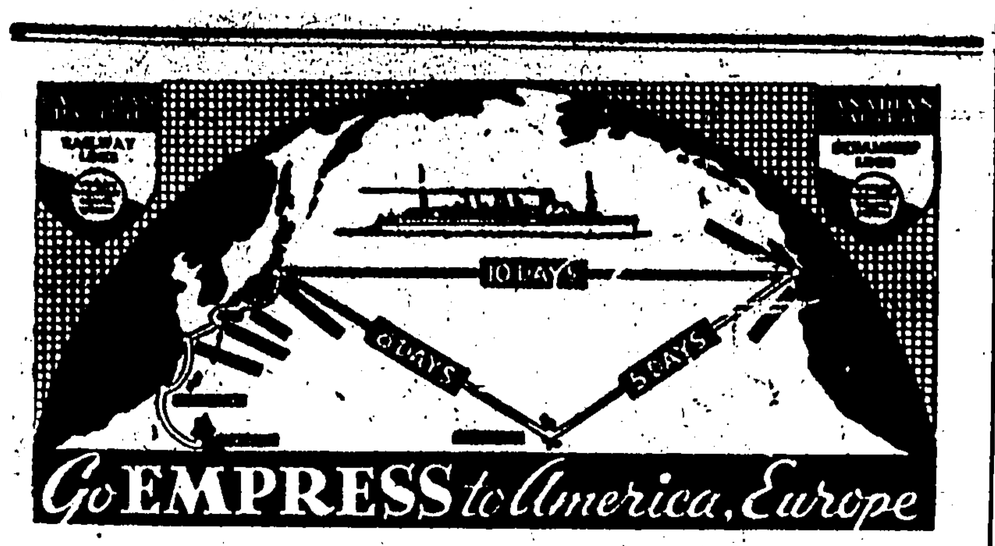

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Japan	Jan. 24	Jan. 26	—	Jan. 29	Jan. 31	Feb. 6	Feb. 11
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LEAGUE COMMISSIONER WANTS TO QUIT

Geneva, To-day.

The League's High Commissioner for Danzig, Professor Burckhardt, has, according to informed quarters here, requested the League Council to relieve him of his duties.

It is stated that the Committee of Three, on which France, England, and Sweden are represented has decided to let developments in the Free City "pursue their natural course."

Four possibilities are regarded as open to the League Council at the present moment, namely, that discussion on Danzig's relations with the League be postponed, two, that the legal aspects of the question be submitted to experts for study, three, that Prof. Burckhardt remain in office until adjustment of the League's standpoint to the standpoints of Germany and Poland has been reached, four, that a decision be taken to suppress the post of High Commissioner. — Trans-Ocean.

UP FOR SEVENTH TIME

An application of Inspector A. V. Baker for two magistrates to deal with a case in which Kwok Yuen-kan, 25, was charged with stealing $1 from a man walking near the Post Office, Wanchai, was not granted by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest to-day at the Central Magistracy.

Defendant who pleaded guilty, was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour and to two years' Police supervision. Inspector Baker said defendant had six previous convictions. Being Hong Kong born, he could not be banished. He was still under police supervision.

COTTON SURPLUS

New York, To-day.

The conference of cotton Senators discussing plans to reduce the cotton surplus, failed to agree on a definite programme, says the Washington correspondent of Dow Jones, the Wall Street financial daily.

Senator Smith said that a number of plans had been offered but no single plan thus far appeared to have the support of the majority. —Reuter.

WAR ORPHANS TO BE TAUGHT AGRICULTURE

The Hong Kong office of the Kwangtung branch of the National Women's Relief Association decided at a meeting yesterday (Tuesday) to establish an Agricultural Institute for War Orphans at Fanling in the New Territories.

Madames Chiang Kai-shek, Sun Yat-sen, Liao Chung-kai, Wu Tsao-chun, H. H. Kung and T. V. Soong were invited to be advisers of the projected institute, and Madames Chan Chak, Cheng Tien-ku, Miss Wu Tse-mei and several others were elected to form a preparatory committee.

Children of Chinese fallen heroes in the present war ranging from 14 to 20 will be admitted into the institute.

Courses in animal husbandry, gardening and spinning and weaving will be given in the Institute, which will have an experiental farm.—Central News.

SHORTAGE OF FOODSTUFFS IN CANTON

THERE IS STILL A SHORTAGE OF FOODSTUFFS AND OTHER DAILY NECESSARIES IN CANTON, ACCORDING TO A PASSENGER WHO ARRIVED HERE ABOARD THE S.S. KINSHAN YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Foreigners in Shameen, he said, are concerned over the continuous rise of commodity prices.

Pedestrians are required to salute the Japanese sentries. Foreigners are not excepted. He personally saw a foreigner slapped on the face by a Japanese sentry for failing to salute him.

People riding on rickshaws must also come down and salute the Japanese sentries.

Foreigners coming out from Shameen must carry passes, and their movements are closely watched by the Japanese, he stated.

Most of the Japanese troops are quartered in Honam. Traffic at many places there is strictly forbidden.

A lot of gambling houses have been established in Canton, he further revealed.—Central News.

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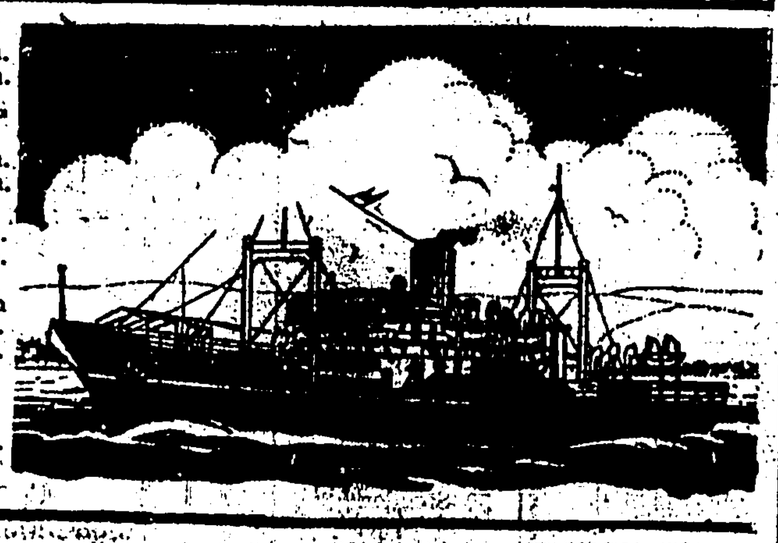

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HONG KONG TO RAW Meet Macao At Hockey February 19

Sunday's Trial Teams

HONG KONG WILL MEET MACAO IN THE INTERPORT HOCKEY MATCH ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, AT MACAO.

The Macao Hockey Club have at long last replied to the Hong Kong Hockey Association confirming the date and arrangements, so that the local Association can now go ahead with their preparations.

The first Colony trial match will be held next Sunday morning, January 22, on the Club ground, commencing at 10.30 a.m. when the following players have been invited to attend:—

U. B. Souza (Radio), V. M. Benwell (Y.M.C.A.), Lt. Goodwin (R.N.), O. Ribeiro (Recreio), V. Bond (C.B.A.), Lt. Carr (R.N.), Stickley (Middlesex), Sommer (Y.M.C.A.), J. Gonsalves (Recreio), D. Taylor (C.B.A.), Sgt. Whetton (R.E.), W. Reed (Recreio), Lt. Firth (R.N.), Malik (K.I.T.C.), Lt. Hook (R.A.), Kempton (Y.M.C.A.), Dawson (R.A.F.), Lt. Whitworth (R.N.), Hassan (Radio), R. Marques (Recreio), Lt. Pritam Nath (Rajputana Rifles), Lt. Comdr. Kennedy (R.N.), Nerain (Kumaon Rifles), Partaub (Kumaon Rifles), S. Fowler (C.B.A.), G. Fowler (C.B.A.), Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.), Gurbachan Singh (Radio), F/O. Miller ("Eagle"), Capt. Lawder (Kumaon Rifles), D. Smith (C.B.A.), Bartlett (R.A.F.), Lt. Medd (R.N.).

CONFERENCE OF FARMERS

London, To-day.

The Colonial Secretary is attending a conference of farmers in his constituency in the North of Scotland on Thursday afternoon but he has cancelled an evening meeting in order to return overnight to London as he does not wish to lose for two whole days the close contact he is maintaining with departmental talks in connexion with the preparations for the Palestine discussions with Arabs and Jews which are due to open in London at an early date.—British Wireless.

The B. I. steamship "Tilawa" is arriving in Hong Kong at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The P. and O. steamer "Carthage" is due here from Shanghai at about 5 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

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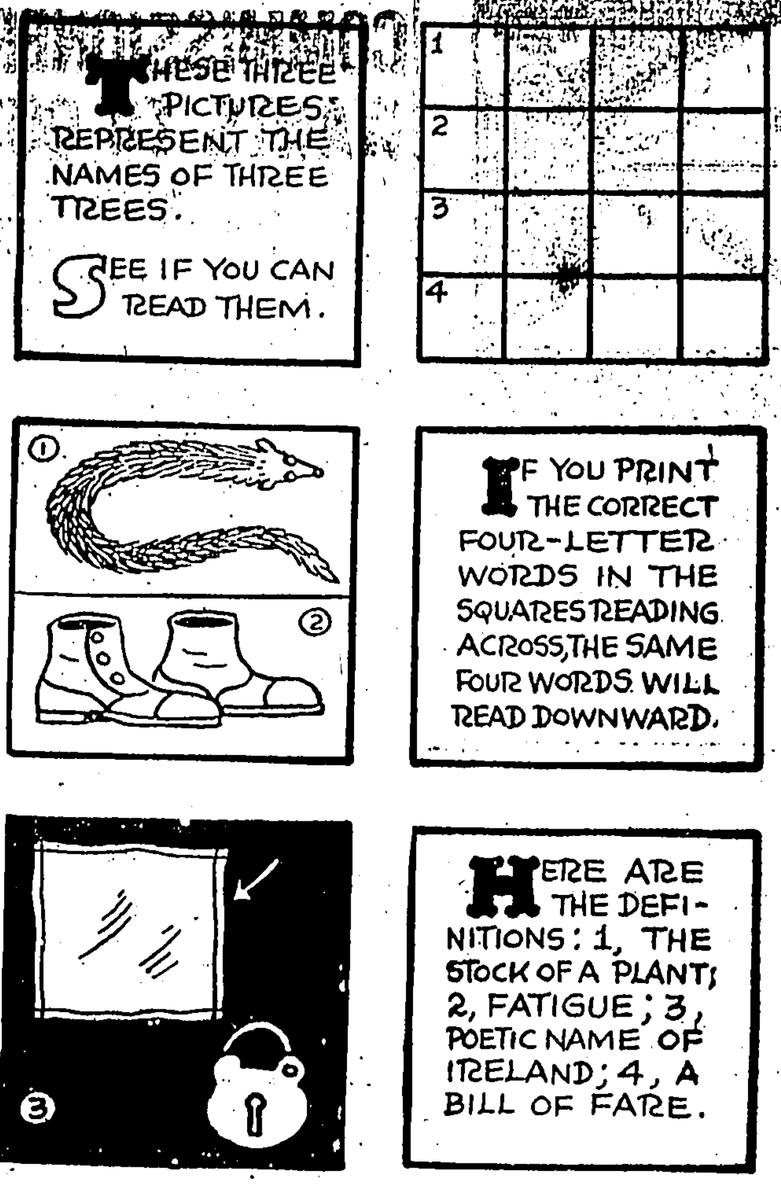

Answer to-morrow.

BRITISH BUDGET DEFICIT NARROWS

London, To-day.

Exchequer returns show that total ordinary revenue amounts to £559,431,243 against £548,863,823 a year ago.

Total expenditure, less self-balancing items, is £774,766,077 against £690,722,921 a year ago.—British Wireless.

The wide deficit, which is customary at this time of the year, is greater than usual owing to the very heavy expenditure on armaments.

Nevertheless, there are indications of increasing intake of revenue and the deficit which was over £240,000,000, a week ago has been reduced to £215,000,000.

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LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-7/8.

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BARCELONA SPY RING BROKEN

The Spanish Government's counter-espionage service has broken up an important organisation of insurgent spies in Catalonia during the past few months, according to an official communique issued in Barcelona.

Military courts have already pronounced numerous death sentences, and long terms of imprisonment are to be served by 200 members of Gen. Franco's "White Aid" and secret services.

The leaders of these bodies are reported to include a General Staff major, two lieutenant-colonels of an engineer corps, numerous lesser officers of the Government Army's rearguard services and well-known doctors, lawyers, bankers, priests and political figures.

AIDED ESCAPES

One of these leaders has also been found guilty of participating in the organisation of a subversive movement among the Government rearguard police, which led to a series of arrests and sentences in August.

Members of the spy ring passed military information to the insurgents, aided the escape of Fascists from Government territory, organised Fascist cells within the Government Army and provoked political unrest behind the front during insurgent offensives.

The official communique claims that the spies worked under direct orders from the Italian and German Staffs, and were assisting in the preparation of future military operations.

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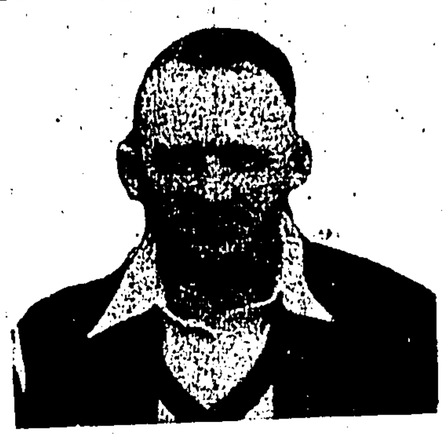
Hong Kong, 1st March, 1937.

HIGH SCORES FEATURE JUNIOR CRICKET LEAGUE OPENING

SOME extraordinarily high scoring marked the opening of the local League cricket season on Saturday. Five junior matches were played but owing to the dominance of the bat over the ball, only Recreio were successful in securing maximum points.

Highest score was registered by Army against Craigengower, while Indian Recreation Club and University topped the 180 mark.

The decisive manner in which Recreio accomplished the feat of beating Police, gives some indication of their potentialities and I have little doubt that this initial success will be all that is needed to give them incentive sufficient to carry them through to even greater things.



F. GOODWIN . . . . captain of Kowloon Cricket Club, returned from leave recently.

THIS IS KEENNESS

(By "ADREM")

Most senior cricket teams in Hong Kong might well take a leaf out of the book of Craigengower Cricket Club.

With one exception, yesterday afternoon, the whole of the eleven which will do battle with Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday were at practice.

Batting, bowling and a spot of fielding in the middle with Skipper Ernie Zimmern hitting them along the ground and in the air, comprised the programme.

Championships are won on a spirit like that!

A pleasing feature of this team this season has been the steady improvement of several players as they have gained experience, and the fact that they possses such a well-balanced outfit. It can never be said of Recreio that they are a one-man team. They have their stars but generally speaking, anyone in the team is liable to come off at any time.

Most Improved Player

Easily the most improved player over a short interval is R. Soares. A sound batsman who has been responsible for several fine innings. Soares has also developed into a worthy successor to L. G. Gosano—promoted to the first team—as an opening bowler.

On Saturday he was almost unplayable. He turned the ball appreciably both ways and kept an immaculate length. His analysis speaks for itself and Police were all out for 66 in reply to a total of 154. This latter total by Recreio—having regard to the fact that it was made on the Police wicket—is a particularly worthy effort and speaks volumes for the courage and enterprise of A. J. M. Prata, G. N. Gosano and H. A. Barros, who were the principal scorers.

I was not surprised at the score University put up against K.C.C. Apart from Bertram Lay and possibly Luke, I cannot see anyone in the K.C.C. side who can really be termed a consistently good bowler, although McKenzie, on form, is liable to bowl some really good stuff.

There was not very much that impressed in University's batting although J. Fong played some nice off shots, K. S. Oh scored 42 and W. S. Gegg hit attractively for 27. Aided by 22 extras, however, a declaration was made at 181 for 7.

Victory Possible

This task was not outside the bounds of possibility for K.C.C. in the time available and at one time it appeared quite likely that they would pull it off. However, Mulcahy was unaccountably "yorked" when he had scored 11 very confidently and when Goodban was brilliantly held by Matthews at square-leg for 32, probably the finest innings of the day, the home team were hard put to stave off defeat.

Had Singh held an easy chance at short leg in the last over of the day, University might well have won. As it was, Simpson and Luke held the fort until time was called.

Much has already been written and said about the number of byes chalked up in the Army innings against Craigengower so I will not attempt to add anything further. In my opinion, Lim is to be commended for stepping into the breach owing to the fact that Hong Sling had expressed a desire not to "keep." I have been told that J. L. Youngs, Craigengower's skipper, says, has performed as "Aunt Sally" but my memory of him as a cricketer, which goes back at least 10 years, recalls a donkey-drop left hand bowler rather than a stumper!

Newcomer Comes Off

Lim's "wicket-keeping" on Saturday resulted in 53 runs for the other side, which was second-highest scorer to Cpl. Webb, who made 67 as the result of good aggressive batting. A newcomer to local cricket, Lieut. Fargus, made 52 and the Valley club were faced with the prospect of getting 201 runs for a win.

They got 117 for 4, H. P. Lim (37) and Joe Leonard (40) being chiefly responsible. Paterson, who played for Army seniors in the Triangular Tournament, was the most successful bowler, taking 3 for 22.

I must confess to considerable surprise at the performance of I.R.C. against the powerful Club eleven turned out against them. Chiefly responsible for their fine showing was A. Bakar who made 71. He was associated with A. K. Minu in a partnership of 77. The latter hit hard and often and when he was dismissed, Curreem carried on the good work with Bakar. Club bowling — good on paper—was not at all impressive.

Their batting was little better. Armstrong and Cook were out quickly but useful scores by H. J. D. Lowe, C. W. E. Bishop, E. J. R. Mitchell, and, latterly, N. P. Fox who played a hurricane innings of 35, saw the total raised to 144 with six wickets down, when stumps were drawn.

Late Declaration

Another team which created rather a surprise on Saturday, was Civil Service. True they also received help from an unexpected quarter, extras adding no fewer than 45 to their total of 148 for 7. H. F. Harper, who made 35, received little support until J. Barrow came in at No. 6 and later, Buckle made 31. With only 103 runs from the bat but with the total at 148 for 7, the innings was declared closed.

Woods bowled very steadily for Navy and conceded only 23 runs in 18 overs for 4 wickets.

I am told that Civil Service declared exceptionally late—somewhere in the vicinity of 4.40. As was only to be expected, therefore, Navy did not get the runs. Sto. Brown made 59, while all other three men who batted ran into double-figures. It is noteworthy that the Civil Servants' wicket-keeper did not return the compliment paid by his opposite number in the Navy—extras amounted to . . . nil!

Senior Friendlies

A team which must have felt particularly pleased with itself on Saturday night was Recreio. Their performance in beating Club must rank as one of their finest for some time.

With only E. L. Gosano, A. M. Prata and E.M. L. Soares making any runs, they were dismissed for 101. Ilsley and Longfield shared the wickets but there was some dreadfully bad stuff sent up. Beck bowled one historic over which included everything but a decent ball and I have never seen Owen Hughes so ineffective.

Recreio's varied attack proved much too good for Club and had it not been for Alec Pearce's 36 not out, out of a total of 58, I shudder to think how microscopic the score of Hong Kong's premier cricket club would have been.

Recreio bowlers were well supported by a keen field and, as with their junior team, this success on the eve of the opening of the League, should do them a great deal of good.

The Old Bogey!

Once again the Sookunpoo bogey proved too much for Craigengower. As is usual on that ground they were well beaten. Minu bowled as effectively as of old but it was not in the batting department that the Valley team failed. Souza made 30 and A. K. Ismail 20 but six others got into double-figures and 155 for 9 in an afternoon game, is not to be sneezed at.

(Continued on Page 23)

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1939 Home Golf Season Will See Galaxy Of International Stars In The Major Events

"THE COLOSSUS OF CLOUT" WILL ALSO BE COMING

(By OUR SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE)
(By AIR MAIL)

WITH 1939 already a few days in play, my first duty, gladly is to extend to golf and golfers by best wishes for the annual round which has now begun. May the royal and ancient game continue to flourish and give its own special pleasure to more and more devotees; may be never forget to play it in its true spirit, and may the ball in life as on the links kick for us oftener out of trouble than into it.

These are sentiments to which I am sure we all subscribe, and though they could be expressed with equal sincerity at Easter or August Bank holiday, they do come with a seasonable inspiration and an accentuated force at the changes-over from the old year to the new, and the urge of a fresh start.

Maybe it is an illusion we indulge that the New Year provides us with a clean cut, and the chilling realist may remind us that, after all, time is continuous whatever the calendar may say, but in the hustling, worried world of to-day we are none the worse for an illusion or two. So here's to 1939, and the gift of golf optimism it brings us, and may it generally prove a good, peaceful, and prosperous year.

P.G.A.'S BIGGEST TASK

The golfer may readily be forgiven if under the Ne'erday spell and sentiment he believes that that "improved game" he has been waiting for is just round the corner. For some, I dare say, "round the corner" has in the past been as vague and elusive as where the rainbow ends, but whatever attractive fancies a new year may create in us about our golf, the hope that it brings is real enough, and that and a belief in the future are no bad companions with which to open another twelve months round.

Whatever resolutions we may frame for our own assistance (and I know a certain A who wants to exercise a socketing fit, and to recover a former deadliness in the short running approaches; and a determined B who insists that the infernal snatch with his irons must go), there is a national one which, no doubt, the P.G.A. have in mind—the beating of the United States for the Ryder Cup. That is the biggest British task of the year, and since our professionals have won this trophy in this country, and our amateurs have at last achieved the equivalent Walker Cup success, it is to be hoped that our P.G.A. team will now extend the international push by winning on an American course.

"THE COLOSSUS OF CLOUT"

With the new year we are to see new personalities. One of these is Norman von Nida, now Australia's professional hope, who beat Bobby Locke in a match last year, and is said to be coming over for the Open Championship at St. Andrews. As there is a sufficient gap between the dates of that event and the United States Open we may possibly see also one or two new faces from American golf.

Though not, strictly speaking, a new personality, Jimmy Thomson, North Berwick in origin and nephew of Jack White, has stated his intention of answering Jimmy Alexander's first tee call on the Old Course in July. Thomson was in the Open at Muirfield nine years ago, but as a youngster then of 19 he was rather a holiday competitor than a serious contender.

But he did not escape notice. His long hitting was one of the topics of that week, and when he drove the eleventh green and hit the ball to sundry other abnormal lengths that is not surprising. In effect he will now come over as a new personality in the sense that he has meantime played himself into the front line, and will be among the short odds candidates for the title. Thomson is believed to be the longest hitter in the world. The Greeks would have had a word for him, but the Americans at any rate have a name for him. To them he is "The Colossus of Clout." The clubhead of his 14¼ ounces driver connects with the ball at terrific speed, and he hits for maximum flight and little run.

HAGEN WILL BE BACK

It looks, after all, as if we might see the incomparable Hagen again too. With some show of authority it was reported some time ago that "the Haig" was finished with Championship golf, and the American had something like the experience of a man who reads the full-length eulogies after reports of his death have been "greatly exaggerated."

The Press chorused their regrets and their praises by way of valedictory to Hagen. But the player himself has since declared that he will be at the Open at St. Andrews, and if he tees up there and means business, he will, even at 45, be well worth watching. Even if he had no chance he would still be one of the colourful personalities of any big event.

Has Hagen a real chance? It is an interesting speculation, and the past two or three seasons indicate a negative answers. But in this connection I came across the other day these lines written of Hagen by Tommy Armour: "He will stay up later than anyone in the room. He will sleep later than anyone in the room too. He concentrates on whatever he really wants to do. That's why he has been the master marvel of golf—and may again demonstrate it, because Walter's far from through if he happens to get stirred up to conquest again." It is wearing on for four years since Armour said that. Can it, I wonder, be applied to the Open at St. Andrews in this year of grace?

GALAXY OF STARS

Bobby Locke will again be among our visitors, and one of his big ambitions is a money match with Cotton. Whether Cotton will undertake the recently talked of tour in the States in the near future looks at the moment a little doubtful. "Barkis is will-in," but only on guaranteed terms. Cotton is dictating the conditions on the "take it or leave it" basis, and instead of promises wants matters fixed up on the dotted line.

Amateur golf in this country has welcomed the news that Charles Yates, the young Atlantan, is returning to defend the title he won at Troon. A popular personality, Yates owed not a little to that luck that proverbially goes with championship success, for, as you may remember, he began at Troon by beating Johnny Fischer at the nineteenth with a stymie, and got into the final by doing a 3 at the nineteenth after Hector Thomson seemed to have him beaten with one hole to play. But Yates, to do him justice, delivered the goods in the championship.

From these first days of the new year it is, of course, a long-range mental picture we can see of Yates, Thomson, Locke, and Hagen in action in their different coming events, but at the same time competitive golf is by no means so far away as that.

Improving One's Swing

By BEST BALL

When one enters a golf competition too early in the formative stage of his game he handicaps himself. By competition in the sense employed above I mean those friendly rounds in which greater attention is given the number of strokes than in manner they are made. More can be accomplished by practice at this time than by actual play, in fact this practice can be had in the privacy of your boudoir, so to speak. All you need is a golf club, a full length mirror

GRAPHIC GOLF

and the urge to improve. Pose before the mirror in your natural stance and mark an X on the glass where your head is reflected. The purpose of this X is to remind you to keep your head still during the stroke which you are about to make.

The player's objective now is to follow the prescribed mechanics of the stroke and at the same time gain rhythm and correct timing. Many golfers have found humming or whistling some tune and stroking to this tempo a help. Like the swing music of to-day, you can improvise your own tune, but it is better not to improvise as far as the swing itself is concerned. Make the club pass over some certain spot on the carpet which corresponds to the ball and make sure the backswing is full and the finish correct. Once the muscles have been memory trained to the task you will have a better chance on the fairway.

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Friday—Importance of Left Arm In Golf

Cricket

(Continued from Page 22)

It did not worry I. R. C. very much, however, Nazarin and Arculli took part in a nice stand for the first wicket and M. el Arculli made 27 later on. With five wickets to spare, the deed was done!

The Navy-Civil Service match at King's Park was all Paxton! Navy batted first and scored 101 (Kennedy—right on the top of his form—58). This should have been fairly simple for the Civil Servants despite the size of the ground but they had Paxton to reckon with.

The wicket was described to me as being perfectly true and it certainly did not play any tricks but the left-hander quickly struck a length and was virtually unplayable. He was unfortunate at one stage to miss the "hat - trick" as he took two wickets in successive balls, had a catch dropped off the next, only to clean bowl the same batsman with his next delivery. Civil Service were bundled out for 44 and Colledge, who was run out, was the only man whom Paxton did not dismiss!

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EDINBURGH'S CLAIMS FOR OLYMPIC GAMES

But 1946 Empire Games May Meet Demand

(By AIR MAIL)

Edinburgh.

There is much virtue in trying, and it may be that the International Olympic Committee will, in their wisdom and in the fullness of time, hearken to Edinburgh's prospective appeals, and award the 1944 Olympic Games to the capital of Scotland. But somehow one does not think so.

London lets little of this sort of thing past her—and, at the risk of being charged with a lamentable lack of civic patriotism, one must confess that the natural venue for an enterprise of Olympic status and dimensions is London.

But if there is no gain to be had by getting the Games, there is by asking for them, and Edinburgh might as well be in the news as London or Detroit. This sort of civic enterprise is exceedingly popular at the moment, and no sooner has the responsible Government Department finished listening to a deputation from Balwhinnie asking that an armaments factory be established there, than it has to go into consultation with another urging the matchless claims in this direction of Burdiehouse.

It is all rather Lilliputian, but it seems to be the thing to do, and there is no reason why the Edinburgh M.P.s should not be pressed into Olympic service on behalf of the city. Even the ordinary citizens might do their part, and to the fashionable demonstrations calling for Tunis for Italy and Vesuvius for France, might be added an equally militant one demanding the Olympics for Edinburgh. After all, it is the shouting of slogans and the pulling of wires that make the modern world go round.

If, on the other hand, it was decided that the Empire Games of 1946 are enough to be going on with, Edinburgh will no doubt be quite content. After all, we are among the depressed areas of the athletic world, and the minor festival would in almost every way be more fitted to our resources, besides being vastly more popular with the mass of our visitors.

One can imagine the Scottish capital being so popular with the Empire's athletes as to be a first and natural choice for the 1946 celebration, and one can also imagine a very happy little gathering assembling at Sighthill for Scotland's first staging of the Empire athletic festival.

Naturalists say that Wimbledon umpires and linesmen after three seasons' Centre Court exposure grow a kind of protective rhinoceros hide off which the slings and arrows of outrageous competitors bounce without unduly agitating the browsing victim. What I am now able to reveal is that they also grow elephant memories, and that they have not forgotten the public humiliation of the man who dared foot-faul Mme. Mathieu in her match with the Australian girl, Nancy Wynne, at Wimbledon, last June. The Frenchwoman demanded the judge's dismissal and the umpire refused. The chief referee was summoned and off the foot-fault judge had to go. That was intolerable, and I am glad to know that the rank and file members of the Umpires' Association have not accepted as final the suave assurance of their own Executive that there is nothing the L.T.A. will do about it. There was a development at the recent umpires' annual meeting which tells me that the Wimbledon worm has turned at last, and will be snapping angrily at its hunters if something isn't done about it.—L. V. Manning.

Our London Air Mail Sports News

Jimmy Vaughan Too Good For Dutch Champion

Jimmy Vaughan, of Becontree, deputising for Arthur Danahar, lightweight champion contender, who was unable to box owing to influenza, outpointed Robert Disch, Dutch lightweight title-holder, over eight rounds at the National Sporting Club, Earls Court, London.

Danahar had appeared at the weigh-in, but the doctor declared him unfit to fight. Vaughan was thus presented with a first-class chance of pursuing his own claim to a British title fight in preference to Danahar. He won very easily—in fact, Disch did not take a round—but Danahar, it seems certain, would have finished the fight quicker than Vaughan.

Disch, a tall, slimly built boxer, revealed an almost astounding toughness, but if Vaughan had had a really damaging punch the Dutchman could not have lasted. Retreating nearly all the time and relying mostly on left jabs, Disch covered up the way to his jaw, but afterwards, when Vaughan concentrated on the body, he absorbed a considerable amount of punishment.

Vaughan was fast enough to get to close quarters, despite his opponent's quickness about the ring, but not once throughout the eight rounds did Disch look like being knocked out. Vaughan also displayed a lack of variety in his attacks, and failed completely to take advantage of Disch's tiredness towards the end.

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Germany And Davis Cup Reform

A new German plan, for the reform of the Davis Cup, which at present, because of the extra strain involved, puts European countries at a disadvantage with those competing in the American Zone, is to be laid before the International Lawn Tennis Federation when it meets in Paris on March 17.

The plan, as revealed by Captain Erich Schoenborn captain of the German Tennis League, is to reduce the number of countries competing in the European Zone to eight. Four of the eight would be the four countries doing best in the previous year. The other four would be the survivors in a preliminary eliminating competition among the remaining nations.

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Tote's Record Profit

A record profit was made by the totalisator during 1938, although the proportion as compared with turnover was less than in 1937. The aggregate bets exceeded £9,000,000, or more than a million pounds more than was received the previous year.

The Racecourse Betting Control Board are thus in a position to make increased grants for the benefit of horse racing, and it is hoped that as a result it will be possible to reduce admission charges at many racecourses.

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Mangnall Re-Signs For Millwall

Dave Mangnall, the former Millwall captain, who left football at the end of last season, has re-signed for the club. Mangnall refused the terms offered him by Millwall for this season, and went into business near Birmingham. He was approached during the week-end by Mr. Charles Hewitt, the Millwall manager, with a view to re-signing and, after fully discussing the matter, decided to return.

Much of Millwall's success in League and Cup games during the past two seasons could be attributed to Mangnall's influence. In 1937 he assisted the club to reach the semi-final of the English Cup competition while they were a Third Division team, and in the following season Mangnall led them to promotion.

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DIOCESAN GIRLS WIN SCRAPPY GAME

Central British School Lose Brawn Cup Tie

MISS P. KIRBY AND MISS V. CHURN GIVE GOOD PERFORMANCES

(By "STICKS")

Diocesan Girls' School secured another two points in the Brawn Cup League yesterday at Homuntin when they beat Central British School by 4 goals to 2 after a very scrappy game featured by a total lack of understanding in any of the departments in the two teams.

Diocesan Girls were actually better equipped than their opponents and made the best of their opportunities, although they were woefully weak in the circle where they threw away many scoring opportunities by overcrowding.

Their defence, however, although matter-of-fact in their methods, cleared their lines and were powerless to prevent the two Central British goals, which were the best of the match.

For the winners, their two full-backs were fairly sound although lacking in an understanding whenever one of them advanced beyond her line. Miss V. Churn was the live-wire in their attack, while Miss A. Chang, centre-forward, and Miss C. Kotewall, left-winger, were also good and made the best of their opportunities, lacking as they were of any material support.

MISS KIRBY SHINES

Miss Kotewall has some nice touches and cleverly scoops the ball over her opponent's stick although she is a trifle slow in getting the ball into the circle.

Probably the best player on view was Miss P. Kirby, Central British School's right-half, who worked like a Trojan throughout, breaking up many dangerous movements by timely interceptions.

MISS BOUSSEAU'S MISTAKE

Miss S. Bousseau, left-half, was also very good, spoiling with great benefit to her team, but she concentrated too much on her left-wing combination of Miss Bradbury and Miss Beraha who were much too slow to be effective.

Miss J. Moss is an excellent leader and should make an admirable player in time when she fully matures. At the moment she has some very pretty touches with her stick and cleverly deflects the ball past an opponent, from a centre, to follow up immediately. Miss Nash has the power to hit the ball, but is afraid to do so.

GOOD SPIRIT PREVAILS

The game was held in a very sporting spirit, the bumpy nature of the ground resulting in many hard knocks being given by the bouncing ball, but happily there were no casualties.

Miss V. Churn (2) and Miss A. Chang (2) scored for Diocesan Girls while Miss J. Moss (2) replied for the home team.

D.G.S.: Miss G. Darby; Miss H. May and Miss D. Hall; Miss P. Lang, Miss P. Dodd and Miss B. Greaves; Miss V. Churn, Miss I. Hicks, Miss A. Chang, Miss B. Longbottom and Miss C. Kotewall.

C.B.S.: Miss J. Macfayden; Miss D. Handyside and Miss J. Burroughs; Miss P. Kirby, Miss A. Smith and Miss S. Bousseau; Miss X. Hyde Lay, Miss A. Nash, Miss J. Moss, Miss J Bradbury and Miss P. Beraha.

BRAWN CUP TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Seaforth L.	7	6	1	0	17	5	12
H.K. Ladies ...	5	5	0	0	11	2	10
Recreio "A" ...	6	5	1	0	14	2	10
D.G. School ...	6	3	2	1	13	5	7
C.B.A. Ladies ..	5	2	2	1	11	9	5
"Y" Ladies ...	6	2	3	1	5	10	5
C.B. School	6	1	5	0	14	19	2
Recreio "B" ...	6	0	5	1	2	19	1
St. Andrew's ..	5	0	5	0	3	19	0

TENNIS PLAYERS RETURN

(By "ADREM")

TWO OF HONG KONG'S REPRESENTATIVES IN THE INDO-CHINESE CHAMPIONSHIPS RETURNED TO HONG KONG YESTERDAY IN THE HELIKON. THEY WERE A. E. P. GUEST AND SZETO BICK.

The trip, which was an exceptionally rough one, took no less than five days, the boat leaving Saigon on Thursday.

Both players were enthusiastic regarding the manner in which the tournament was conducted although they said that playing under artificial light at night was extremely difficult.

The Indo-Chinese tennis officials made every effort to insure the comfort of the visitors who thoroughly enjoyed themselves on their short trip.

George Choa is staying over for a short while.

A. E. P. Guest, last of Hong Kong's players to be eliminated, fell to a Javanese player by 6—3, 6—3, 6—4.

LOCAL INTER-'VARSITY MATCH TO-DAY

The annual Oxford versus Cambridge (local) cricket match will be held this afternoon on the H.K.C.C. ground, commencing at 2 p.m. sharp.

ARMY TEAM FOR LAI WAH CUP

The following have been chosen to represent the Army against the Civilians in the Semi-final Round of the Lai Wah Cup Competition to be played on the Kowloon Football Club ground on Saturday at 3.30 p.m.

Hartley; Watson and Sheehan; Winstanley, Proctor and Wilkinson; Grogan, Courtney, Munton, Saw and Calvert.

Reserves:—Jackson, Fraser, Rides; Guy, McCullum and Flanders.

KING BEATS SCOTTISH FEATHER-WEIGHT CHAMPION

(By AIR MAIL)

Johnny King (Manchester), British Bantam-Weight Champion, outpointed Frank Kenny (Glasgow), Scottish Feather-Weight title-holder, over ten rounds, at 9st 3lbs, at Liverpool Stadium.

The contest was arranged at 48 hours notice, and proved a mixed offering, in which King always seemed to be boxing with something in hand. King allowed Kenny to do most of the forcing, but the Scot's punching was not effective. In the fifth King scored with a brilliant right cross, which put Kenny down for eight. Both men slipped down, after missing with heavy blows. King, though taking matters comfortably, did well in the clinches.

PROMISING MATERIAL AVAILABLE

Police Rugby Debut Against R. Scots

D. H. TAYLOR & WALL IN GOOD FORM

(By "REFEREE")

Police Rugby Football Club made their debut yesterday afternoon on the Sookunpoo ground where they lost to a team from the Royal Scots by a penalty goal and a try (6 points) to a goal (5 points) after a fairly interesting encounter.

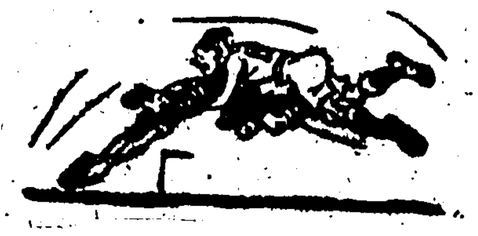
Police have the nucleus of a fine team in the making and with several friendly games ahead of them, should be able to field a fairly strong fifteen next season.

They possess several promising threequarters outstanding among whom is D. H. Taylor, brother of A. J. G. Taylor, the Club vice-captain. A modern hercules, this strapping young giant is fast, has a fine swerve and side-step and a sound hand-off which he fully exploited yesterday to score what appeared to be one of the finest tries of the season, running fully 70 yards.

WALL MOST CONSISTENT

Probably the most consistent player in the Police team was Wall, their full-back, who displayed a sound knowledge of the game. He had a very safe pair of hands and kicked an excellent length ball. Probably his best asset was a cool head in a dangerous moment.

Mackenzie was too slow off the mark in the right-wing threequarter berth and was often tackled in possession; while Morrison, in the centre, displayed a good turn of



speed but hung on to the ball a trifle too long. The same remarks apply to Jackson, in the left wing threequarter berth, but both are promising and should improve.

DIFFICULT TASK

Both halves are very experienced players. Luscombe had a difficult task, however, with a slow heeling pack and as a result it was mostly loose balls which he sent back to Wilson.

Cullinan, ex-Army second-row forward, hooked and was well supported by Searle, an experienced second row forward, Oakley, Jenner and Hemsley.

Police front row packed a trifle too high and as a result their flanking forwards were often lifted off their feet when the second and back rows shoved.

TRIFLE SELFISH

Royal Scots were fielding an "A" fifteen of no particular strength and played with almost fourteen men throughout, Boe coming into the game later in the second half. Marshall, their full-back, was fairly safe although slow in finding touch, while Gibson and Nealen, the halves, were the pick of the back division, although the former was a trifle selfish with the ball. He was kicked on the head shortly before the interval and had to leave the field, returning in the second half.

Ross, hooking for the Royal Scots, made a good job of his task and lent valuable vocal encouragement in the loose dribbles and lineouts.

Royal Scots took the lead when Ross kicked a penalty goal for a scrum infringment and, soon after Gibson dashed over for an unconverted try. Police had several scoring opportunities, but by running across the field instead of making for the goal-line, they nullified these efforts.

There was only one score in the second half when Taylor gained possession just outside his own 25 yard area and scored a brilliant try after a 70 yards run, Wall converting.

Royal Scots: Sgt. Marshall; Pte. Phillips, Pte. Garrie, Pte. Laing, Pte. Laughlan; Lt. Gibson and Cpl. Nealan; L/Cpl. Combe; L/Cpl. Sutherland, L/Cpl. Durie; L/Cpl. Dunsmore, Pte. Mackenzie; Pte. Grove and L/Cpl. Ross.

Police R.C.: J. Wall; V. J. Mackenzie, W. J. Morrison, D. H. Taylor and H. W. Jackson; G. S. Wilson and E. W. Luscombe; E. Wheeler, P. J. Cullinan, A. F. Rose; J. S. Riddell, L. A. Searle; L. Oakley, T. J. Hemsley and R. W. Jenner.

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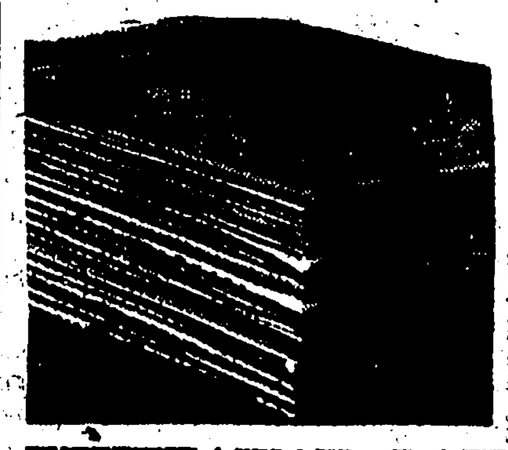

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12.30 p.m.—Tino Rossi (Tenor) with the Orchestra Raymonde.

Song Of The Vagabonds (from 'The Vagabond King'); Only A Rose (from 'The Vagabond King').....Orchestra Raymonde cond. by G. Walter.

Le Roi D'Ys—Aubade (Lalo); Manon—Dream Song (Massenet)....Tino Rossi (Vocal) with Orchestra.

Chanson D'Amour (Suk)...Orchestra Raymonde.

Le Chaland Qui Passe (d'Andre, Badet & Bixio); Addio L'Amore (Rodor & Scotto).....Tino Rossi (Vocal) with Orchestra.

A Night On The Waves (Finnish Waltz—Koskimaa); Electric Girl (Helmburgh-Holmes) ...Orchestra Raymonde.

1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Selections from Musical Comedy.

"The Desert Song"—Selection (Romberg).....Savoy Orpheans Band.

"Operette"—The Stately Homes Of England (Noel Coward).....Noel Coward (Baritone) with His Majesty's Theatre Orchestra cond. by Francis M. Collinson.

"Charlot's Masquerade"—Selection; "The Love Race" — Selection (Clarke).....New Mayfair Orch.

C. B. Cochran Medley....C. B. Cochran (Compere) assisted by Janet Joye, Elisabeth Welch, Edward Cooper and Ray Noble and His Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Sam Browne, Greta Keller and Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuffins.

Roy Club Rag (Harry Roy); Harlem (Eddie Carroll).....Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins.

Trust Me (Schwartz, Ager); A Little Ramble In Springtime With You (Jurmann, Sarony)....Greta Keller (Vocal) with Orch.

A Star Fell Out Of Heaven (Gordon & Revel).....Sam Browne (Baritone) with Orch.

Cheerful Blues — Slow Fox-Trot; Jazz Me Blues—Quick-Step.....Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins.

Take My Heart (Ahlert, Young).....Greta Keller (Vocal) with Orch.

A Melody From The Sky (film 'The Trail of the Lonesome Pine'); Lost (Ohman, Mercer & Tector)....Sam Browne (Baritone) with Orch.

From Monday On (Crosby-Barris); She's Funny That Way (Moret-Whiting).....Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6 p.m.—Old Dance Favourites.

Blues — Twentieth Century Blues ('Cavalcade' — Coward); Waltz—Lover Of My Dreams ('Cavalcade' Coward).....Jack Payne & His B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—If You Love Me; March Fox-Trot—We Saw The Sea (film 'Follow the Fleet').....Ray Noble and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.

Fox-Trots—Get Thee Behind Me Satan (film 'Follow the Fleet'); I'd Rather Lead A Band (film 'Follow the Fleet').....Richard Himber & His Ritz-Carlton Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.

Fox-Trots—The Way You Look To-Night (film 'Swing Time'); Pick Yourself Up (film 'Swing Time').....Fred Astaire (Vocal) with Johnny Green & His Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Let Yourself Go (film 'Follow the Fleet'); Let's Face The Music and Dance (film 'Follow the Fleet').....Ray Noble & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.

Waltz—If You Say "Yes" Cherio.....Carroll Gibbons and The Savoy Hotel Orpheans with Vocal Chorus.

Fox-Trot—I'll String Along With You (film 'Twenty Million Sweethearts'); Tango—Little Valley In The Mountains.....The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra directed by Henry Hall with Vocal Chorus.

Waltzes—Nevermore (from 'Conversation Piece'); I'll Follow My Secret Heart (from 'Conversation Piece').....Ray Noble and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—With Every Breath I Take (film 'Here is My Heart'); June In January (film 'Here is My Heart').....Richard Himber & His Ritz-Carlton Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.

Fox-Trots—Early Bird (film 'Captain January'); At The Godfish Ball (film 'Captain January').....Johnny Johnson & His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.

7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.02 p.m.—Songs by Paul Robeson (Bass).

The Wanderer (arr. Palmgren); Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child (arr. Brown); Poem (Minstrel Man—Huges)..... with Piano accomp. by Lawrence Brown.

Canoe Song (film 'Sanders of the River'); Love Song (film 'Sanders of the River')....with Orchestra cond. by Muir Mathieson.

7.14 p.m.—Marek Weber & His Orchestra.

Czardas From "The Spirit Of The Voyevode" (Grossmann); The Czarina (Ganne); In The Temple Of The Bells (Study from Peking—Yoshitomo); Chinese Fairy Tales (Character Sketch—Dreyer, arr. Yoshitomo).

7.30 p.m.—Joseph Hislop (Tenor) in a Scottish Programme.

Highland Schottische; Eightsome Reel.....Pipes and Drums of the 2nd Batt. Scots Guards directed by Pipe-Major J. B. Robertson.

O Sing To Me The Old Scotch Songs (Leeson); Ye Banks And Braes (arr. Lees).....Joseph Hislop (Tenor) with Orch cond. by Lawrence Collingwood.

Songs Of Scotland—Selection (arr. Duthoit).....The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Capt. George Miller.

Jessie, The Flower Of Dunblane (Smith).....Joseph Hislop with Orch.

Bonnie Wee Thing (Fox); MacGregor's Gathering (Les, arr. Kahn)....Joseph Hislop with Piano accomp. by Percy Kahn.

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Schubert — Rosamunde — Ballet Music. Berlin State Opera Orchestra conducted by Prof. Robert Heger.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—A Recital of Madrigals and Part-songs by Various Composers. The B.B.C. Scottish Singers conducted by Ian Whyte.

8.40 p.m.—Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

"Poet And Peasant" — Overture (Suppe).....cond. by Lieut. R. G. Evans.

Coronation Bells — March (Partridge).....cond. by Lieut. J. C. Windram.

Martial Moments (arr. Aubrey Winter)...cond. by Lieut. R. G. Evans.

9 p.m.—Mozart—Sonata In C Major, K. 330. Edwin Fischer at the Piano.

9.13 p.m.—Beethoven—Grosse Fuge in B Flat Major, Op. 133. Lener String Quartet.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m.—Gerhard Husch (Baritone) and Tiana Lemnitz (Soprano).

"Tannhauser" (Wagner): Gazing Around; O Star Of Eve.....Gerhard Husch (Baritone) and Berlin State Opera Orchestra cond. by Hanns Udo Muller.

"Le Nozze Di Figaro" (Mozart): Dove Song (Vanish'd Are Ye); Grant, O Love....Tiana Lemnitz (Soprano) and The Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Bruno Seidler-Winkler.

Die Beiden Grenadiere (Schumann, Op. 58, No. 1); Die Ehre Gottes Aus Der Natur (Beethoven, Op. 48, No. 4).....Gerhard Husch (Baritone).

10.14 p.m.—Beethoven—Concerto in D Major, Op. 61. Fritz Kreisler (Violin) and The London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by John Barbirolli.

11 p.m.—Close down.

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♠ 7 3
♡ 2
◇ A K 9 5
♣ A K Q 10 8 4

Mr. Lochridge

♠ K Q J 10 6 2
♡ A 9 5 4
◇ 7
♣ 9 3

N W E S

♠ A 9 5
♡ 8 3
◇ 10 6 4 2
♣ J 7 6 2

♠ 8 4
♡ K Q J 10 7 6
◇ Q J 8 3
♣ 5

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	Pass	3♠	4♣
Pass	4♡	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Mr. Lochridge first tried to shut his opponents out with a pre-emptive three-spade bid, and when this failed, he turned his attention to beating four hearts. He opened the King of Spades. When his partner signalled with the nine, Mr. Lochridge was torn between two fires. Obviously his partner held the Ace, and thus it was quite feasible that if he now played his singleton diamond, he might later be able to place his partner on lead with the Ace of spades and receive a diamond ruff. Against this, Mr. Lochridge was afraid that a diamond lead at this point might give Declarer the opportunity to discard his remaining spade on dummy's club suit. And this would have turned out to be the case.

Mr. Lochridge's alternate defence, which he now put into operation, was to follow with the Queen of spades and then play a third round. For convenience Declarer ruffed the last spade in his hand, then played the King of hearts (the ten would have been more deceptive). Mr. Lochridge won with the Ace and now led a fourth spade and his partner, giving full co-operation, trumped with the heart eight. East's "useless" trump had saved the day, for it forced one of Declarer's three remaining honours, and Mr. Lochridge was then able to win another trick in trumps.

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What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE STAR—"Always In Trouble", with Jane Withers, Jean Rogers, Arthur Treacher and Robert Kellard. The story of a girl filled with good intentions in trying to help folks and getting into trouble herself.

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AT THE ORIENTAL—"Border Flight", with Frances Farmer, John Howard, Roscoe Karns and Robert Cummings. A high-powered story of adventure and thrills above the clouds, in the Coast Guard Air Corps battle with racketeers.

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AT THE QUEEN'S—"Peck's Bad Boy With The Circus", with Tommy Kelly, Ann Gillis, Edgar Kennedy, Billy Gilbert, Benita Hume, Spanky MacFarland and Louise Beavers. The picture depicts the adventures of Bill Peck, typical American boy whose pranks conceived in innocence always boomerang into misadventures.

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LARGE SCALE FRENCH NAVAL MANOEUVRES

PARIS, TO-DAY.

FRENCH NAVAL QUARTERS ATTACH THE GREATEST SIGNIFICANCE TO THE LARGE-SCALE NAVAL MANOUVRES WHICH WILL BEGIN TO-DAY OFF THE COAST OF NORTH AFRICA,

THE PARTICIPATING FLEETS LEFT THEIR BASES AT TOULON AND BREST EARLY YESTERDAY.

Although, as usual, no detailed programme is published, it is stated that the two fleets will meet in the Straits of, Gibraltar and conduct manouvres of several days duration. The fleets will later proceed to Casablanca, where a sham attack and defence by the coastal batteries will be carried out.

General Gamelin, Chief of General Staff, and Vice-Admiral Dalan, Chief of Naval Staff, who inspected defence system of Tunis and Corsica before and during M. Daladier's visit, are now on their way to Morocco, where they will inspect the "Moroccan Sea-Front".

This fact reveals that responsible French quarters are attaching extremely great importance to the manouvres.—Trans-Ocean.

COMBINED EXERCISES

The French Atlantic and Mediterranean squadrons are sailing at dawn to-day from Brest and Toulon for their winter manoeuvres off the African Coast and the Straits of Gibraltar.

After the exercises off the Straits, the two fleets will proceed to Casablanca for combined exercises including an attack from the sea and defence of the coast by Moroccan forces.

General Gamelin and Vice-Admiral Darlan will at the same time study the defence of the Moroccan coast.

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Nearly 80 vessels will participate in the manoeuvres, including three battleships, 10 cruisers, six divisions of destroyers, two flotillas of torpedo boats, two flotillas of submarines and an aircraft carrier.

The Atlantic squadron will return in the middle of February, but the Mediterranean squadron will extend their cruise to Tunis. — Reuter.

LAUNCHING OF BATTLESHIP RICHELIEU

The new French battleship, "Richelieu," launched at Brest yesterday by the wife of one of the dockworkers, will be one of the largest and fastest warships in the world.

Actually, the vessel was not launched in the strict sense of the word, as she was set afloat in the dry dock where she had been constructed.

Work was begun yesterday afternoon in the same yards on a sister battleship, the "Clemenceau."

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BRITISH FORCES IN SHARP CLASHES

Jerusalem, To-day.

Further incidents, including several clashes between Arabs and British troops are again reported to have occurred in all parts of Palestine.

It is officially announced that after a search of the villages of Anata and Hizma a clash occurred between Arabs and British troops during which one British officer was slightly wounded.

Arabs fired at two police cars on the Akko-Safet road, seriously wounding one police constable.

On the Haiffa-Akko road a Jew was shot and killed by Arabs.

From Jaffa a shooting affray between British police and Arabs was reported, during which one Arab was wounded.

In Haifa an Arab health service inspector was seriously wounded by a bullet.

A curfew has been imposed on the population of Akko because an Arab policeman was shot in a cafe there.

In Kafr Kanna, not far from Nazareth, an Arab was found murdered.

A passenger train on the line between Lydda and Jaffa and private passenger cars in various parts of the country were shot at by irregulars.—Trans-Ocean.

COUNT CZAKY LEAVING BERLIN

Berlin, To-day.

The Hungarian Foreign Minister, Count Czacky, will leave Berlin at noon to-day, it is announced here.

Both German and Hungarian circles maintain strict silence as to the outcome of the conversations, although it is evident that satisfactory results were attained.

An official communique will be issued at the termination of the visit.—Trans-Ocean.

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The United States Ambassador to China, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, on returning to report to Washington, said yesterday that the Chinese are "very hopeful of eventual victory."

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